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50% OF MAHA COVID SAMPLES SHOWING DOUBLE MUTATIONS

Genome sequencing showed presence of variants B.1.617-E484Q and L452R in nearly half of the samples, pointing to their role in the spike

HEALTH MINISTRY YET TO GIVE A CLEAR PICTURE

The B.1.617 variant has also been found in samples from eight states but the proportion is much smaller than Maharashtra's. Data from other countries suggest that E484Q can escape antibody neutralisation, while L452R is known to increase infectivity. The Health Ministry, however, says there is no epidemiological link yet between the mutants and the second wave

LOCALLY DOMINANT VARIANTS FOUND

- Signals of locally dominant mutations driving outbreaks — N440 in Kerala and B.1.618 in West Bengal — have also been noted
- Maharashtra added 63,729 cases to its tally amid a crippling shortage of oxygen and hospital beds; 398 deaths were reported
- Karnataka, too, reeling under plasma, bed and drug shortage

16,79,740

ACTIVE CASES IN INDIA; RECOVERY RATE HAS FALLEN TO 87.23%

CAPITAL CRISIS ON OXYGEN SUPPLY

Delhi and Mumbai running out of medical oxygen; situation 'very serious', says Kejriwal

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

AS Covid-19 cases in Delhi saw an alarming spike of 24,000 within a single-day span — a jump of 4,500 from the previous day — Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal termed the situation "very serious and worrisome" and said the city was facing shortage of oxygen and Remdesivir.

The Chief Minister, however, added that he had spoken to Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan to ensure adequate supply of oxygen and reserve more beds in central government hospitals, including in intensive care units (ICUs), for Covid-19 patients.

"Supplies of oxygen and Remdesivir are running short. Because cases are increasing rapidly, we are facing shortage of oxygen, Remdesivir and Tocilizumab (another drug) though a few days ago our assessment was that there is enough stock. Today, I had a meeting with senior officials and the scarcity of these three articles was noticed," said Kejriwal while addressing a digital press briefing.

Stating that the Central Government has always helped Delhi in its fight against the pandemic, the Delhi CM said he is hopeful that this time too, the Centre would come to its aid.

"I spoke with Harsh Vardhanji and requested for more beds in the central government-run hospitals and adequate supply of oxygen, Remdesivir, and Tocilizumab. The Central Government has 10,000 beds and I have requested that 50% of them should be reserved for Covid patients. Private hospitals are facing more shortage of oxygen," said Kerjiwal.

He said the health infrastructure has its limitations and that beds, including those in ICUs, are running out fast. However, the government is making efforts to arrange more beds, particularly with oxygen facilities. He said the government is making arrangements for 1,300 beds in Yamuna Sports Complex and Commonwealth Games Village at Akshardham.

At Radha Soami Satsang Beas campus, initially 2,500 beds will be available and 2,500 more will be added subsequently, he added. P9

NATIONWIDE

	APRIL 16	APRIL 17
Fresh cases	2,33,351	2,40,423
Recoveries	1,23,354	1,25,751
Deaths	1,341	1,303

People wait in the observation room after getting vaccinated at KC General Hospital in Bengaluru | SHRIRAM BN

STATEWIDE

	APRIL 16	APRIL 17
Fresh cases	14,859	17,489
Active cases	1,07,315	1,19,160
Deaths	78	80
Recoveries	4,031	5,565
Fresh cases in B'luru Urban	9,917	11,404

17K new cases as K'taka battles bed shortage

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

Even as it is grappling with oxygen supply, ICU beds, ventilators and Remdesivir doses for Covid-19 patients, Karnataka on Saturday logged its biggest single-day spike so far at 17,489 new cases — an increase of 2,630 cases over Friday's figures. Bengaluru Urban district, which has been driving the spike in numbers, saw a whopping 11,404 fresh cases, even as it struggles with its health infrastructure.

Ironically, former Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy, who tested positive for Covid-19 on Saturday, could not get a bed for himself at Manipal Hospital and had to shift to another hospital despite Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar's intervention. Deputy Chief Minister Laxman Savadi, who was in the thick of campaigning for the Lok Sabha and Assembly bypolls, too tested positive for the virus.

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M'rashtra mulls importing O_2 via sea route

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

MAHARASHTRA is contemplating sea-route import of oxygen to keep enough supplies for Covid-19 patients. The state's daily production of oxygen is 1,200 metric tons (MT). However, the demand has surged to 1,278 MT daily.

"Many hospitals have stopped admitting Covid patients as they do not have enough oxygen to provide to patients. CM Uddhav Thackeray, in his letter to PM Modi, has said that if positive cases continue to increase, then by April-end, Maharashtra will need 2,000 MT of oxygen," said a health official.

Sources ruled out supplies by air of a large quantity of oxygen. "We are weighing seaway options for which we'd need help from the Central Government. We need to act quickly before the situation gets out of hand in hospitals," said a senior government official.

State Health Minister Rajesh Tope said the Centre has suggested bringing the supplies from faraway places where steel plants are located. P9

PM directs beefing up health infra

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

Hours after prevailing upon the largest seer group to conclude Kumbh gathering at Haridwar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday evening took stock of the Covid-19 situation.

In a video conference, the Prime Minister discussed the roadmap for scaling up the availability of vaccines and ventilators with senior officials of various Union ministries, which were directed to increase the bed count through a slew of temporary hospitals and isolation centres.

The meeting came on a day the country recorded its highest single-day spike so far (2,40,423). "The PM spoke about the need to utilise the full potential of India's pharmaceutical industry to meet the rising demand of various medicines. He was briefed on the actions taken to address the shortage of Remdesivir, whose production has been increased to reach 74.10 lakh vials/month for May against the January-February figure of 27-29 lakh vials a month," the PMO said.

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Belagavi: The Covid surge hit bypolls to Belagavi Lok Sabha and Basavakalyan Assembly constituencies on Saturday, which saw fewer voters. P4

78.36 pc voting in Bengal 5th phase polls

Kolkata: Around 78.36% voter turnout was seen till 5 pm on Saturday, across 45 assembly constituencies of West Bengal, during fifth phase of voting. P10

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From smart pick-up of waste at doorsteps to tackling the plastic menace, Jagruth Tech turns chocolate wrappers and snacks packets into home decor and other products

THE UPCYCLING GAME

K RATHNA @Mysuru

Darshan (sitting on a bench) and the furniture and home décor items manufactured by his company using plastic waste

THE chocolate wrapper or chips packet you threw away today, could actually find its way into your home as a piece of furniture, home décor item, stationery, or even the roof of your house. Hard to believe? Darshan C, a 27-year-old Mysurean, is actually doing that, and reducing the amount of plastic waste Mysuru City Corporation has to deal with.

There are alternatives to plastic, but it is a new-age reality that is difficult to avoid as it is cheap, says Darshan, director of Jagruth Tech Private Limited, a waste plastic recycling unit that he set up at Excel Plant in JP Nagar.

"We talk about plastic and polythene bags but forget chocolate wrappers and snacks packets that are as much responsible for the degradation of the environment," says Darshan.

Darshan launched 'Jagruth', an Android app, to collect dry waste in and around Mysuru. One can download the app from Google Play Store, enter mobile number, turn on the location and click on the 'Pick my Trash' option, then click a picture of the trash that needs to be picked up, set the pick-up date and hit 'Submit'. People can also contact their helpline 8095480957.

About 20 ragpickers segregate the plastic waste at the plant daily. Plastic bottles and bags are separated according to thickness. First, they shred the plastic, then clean the covers and run it through a hot press.

Chocolate wrappers and snack packets, which contain aluminium, are processed to create plastic boards. These boards can be used as an alternative to plywood. This plywood can lend itself to sawing, moulding, cutting, gluing, screwing and nailing, just like any other type of board. Another major advantage of recycling chocolate wrappers is that they are waterproof and act as heat insulators.

The team has been turning plastic waste into products like interlock bricks, furniture (table, chair, decorative stand), home décor items, office stationery, materials for ceilings and other products that are used in interior works of the house.

NEW PRODUCT LINE

The team will soon launch 'Eco Tuf' and 'Eco Tra', an alternative to plywood. Plastic packets of snacks are difficult to recycle and are converted into attractive and beneficial products, Darshan said.

Eco Tuf is a chipboard created from waste plastic bags (multi-layered plastics) which are waterproof. It is formaldehyde-free, waterproof, has a unique texture, is a heat insulator, is acoustic-proof with complete termite protection.

Eco Tra is created from recycled beverage cartons, which are water-resistant.

"Banning of plastic is not possible as there is huge demand in the market. So we should focus on recycling it. We are on a mission to create awareness among people about the environmental hazards caused due to the use of plastic. Our mantra is 'Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle'. Our goal is to save the environment and eventually oceans, from pollution," says Darshan.

CARBON FOOTPRINT

PLYWOOD VS PLASTIC BOARD

Plastic is waterproof, formaldehyde-free, powder-free, sound-proof, a heat insulator, low on cost. Also, termites don't eat plastic. We can save wood by using plastic as these sheets are a good replacement for plywood.

"Cotton or paper bags and other bags consume more energy and create a larger carbon footprint than plastic while being manufactured. A single recycled paper bag produces 2.1 kg of carbon dioxide, while a recycled plastic bag produces 1.3 kg of carbon dioxide," Darshan said.

Impressed with Darshan's ideas, MCC has given authorisation to Jagruth Tech. Their products will help address the issue of plastic waste in the city. We are also planning to use their plastic tiles and other materials in the works carried out by Mysuru City Corporation

Dr Nagaraj, Health Officer, MCC

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Ragpickers segregate the plastic waste at the plant daily

This calligramist puts spirit INTO LETTER

AMIT S UPADHYE @Hubballi

FOR Shashwat Hegde, the Kannada Aksharmale is not just alphabets which can be strung into words, but can also be turned into art. In his deft fingers, each one turns visual design and takes on a deeper symbolism. And so the 'Ka' of Krishnadevaraya is regally turbaned, the 'Ka' of 'lasika' has a sharp syringe needle, the 'Aa' of 'aashcharya' (surprise) is truly eye-popping, while the 'Ra' of 'kumbara' is shaped like a pot... a delight for the word lover.

Hegde, a graphic designer who has created calligrams in Kannada, a first of their type, feels this can create long-lasting interest in the language, especially in the mind of millennials who are increasingly getting disconnected with their native tongue. Injecting some creativity into words can help the language flourish.

Coming from a humble background from Tyagli village of Siddapur in Uttara Kannada district, Hegde hit upon this creative idea during the lockdown last year. His mentor, a graphic designer from New York, suggested to him to create calligrams in Kannada.

It was a bit challenging in the beginning as any kind of change -- a line or stroke or dot -- can completely change the meaning of any Kannada word. "For instance, the letter 'Ra' in Kannada – if you add a dot in between, it becomes 'Tha'. Similarly with many other letters, so I decided to try something completely different for Kannada words. To say 'distance' -- 'antara' in Kannada -- I created a gap between the letters," says Hegde.

His themes are varied: From the ongoing coronavirus pandemic to kings to films -- you name it and Hegde has tried his hand at it. "I started with sport forms, names of cities and later, the designs started attracting viewers on social media. I made some calligrams on kings of Karnataka, including Immadi Pulikeshi and Sri Krishnadevaraya," says Shashwat Hegde.

Hegde has drawn calligrams on skilled workers, including the farmer, policeman, potter and many more, besides items of daily use in homes to electrical equipment. His calligrams on Kannada movies, using the Kannada numerical, have also been received well. His calligram posters have today fetched Shashwat an identity – he is fondly known on social media as 'Akshara Mantrika' and goes by his nickname Designiga.

His latest experiment is with words giving awareness messages about the ongoing pandemic. "I was looking for a calligram around coronavirus, as most of us are affected by it in one way or other, and decided to create a design to tell people to wear masks or take a jab," he explained. Shashwat began his career in Bengaluru, creating typography posters. "We must ensure there is constant creativity in any language. Making a design using words to talk about a place or person creates interest among people. Not just those who know Kannada but also among those who don't know the language," he feels. There have been several attempts, even in the past, to caricature Kannada words.

"It's a much needed reform when it brings meaning through words," said Basavaraj Handignur, Kannada teacher from Dharwad. "Any kind of research, documentation and creativity is most welcome. Such efforts ensure that interest is generated in the language, region and people who did great things for us in the past," he said.

Shashwat Hegde

CIVIC BODY FLAGS OFF 10 MOBILE SCHOOLS FOR SLUM CHILDREN

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

FOLLOWING directions of the Karnataka High Court, the Burhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) from Monday will start mobile classes for children who have dropped out of school.

Ten buses, which have been converted into mobile schools, were flagged off on Saturday morning by High Court judges Justices R V Ravindran and Ramesh Singh from Karnataka High Court premises.

The Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) had handed over the ten buses to the BBMP to be used as 'Schools on Wheels' on March 22, 2021. Initially, the customised buses will be sent to Hosakerahalli and Doddagolarahatti slums. Later, based on the survey reports submitted by the Karnataka State Legal Services Commission, the buses will focus on traffic signals where there is a large congregation of slum children and children begging.

The buses have been designed to look like a classroom, with a small seating area, a board and spaces for a teacher and an attendant. In each bus, two teachers and a group-D worker, serving as an attendant will be deployed, the BBMP official said. This is the first time that such a project has been launched. The buses will take education to the doorsteps of children to educate them with basics, brush up their knowledge, prepare them for the next academic year and also encourage and motivate them to come to school.

The officials said that through this, the BBMP and education department will get to know the requirement of children, their economic status and if they require any medical or financial attention.

The high court had issued the orders after hearing a writ petition.

A woman gives a demonstration inside one of the mobile school buses that was launched in Bengaluru on Saturday | EXPRESS

There was an acute shortage with a sudden surge of patients. We had sent our requirement of 70,000 doses for Friday and Saturday to the government and they promptly sent it to us

Dr Marker, Medical Director, Bhagwan Mahaveer Jain Hospital

No shortage of Remdesivir: Chief Secy

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

KARNATAKA is stocking up its supply of the essential antiviral drug Remdesivir to treat severely ill Covid patients in hospitals amid a surge in cases in the State.

Chief Secretary P Ravi Kumar said the state has placed a requisition for 70,000 doses of Remdesivir with Cipla, Jubilant Life Sciences and Mylan. "We received 10,000 doses today. Tomorrow, we will get another 15,000 doses and the remaining will arrive next week," he said. He reiterated that there is no shortage of the drug in the State and that the government is supplying it to private hospitals based on requirement. "We had asked all private hospitals to send us their requirement of Remdesivir. We are supplying the drug to them from our stocks," he added.

Spokespersons of some major private hospitals too confirmed that the government is supplying them Remdesivir after the requirement was sent. "There was an acute shortage with a sudden surge of patients who had to be administered Remdesivir. We had sent our requirement of 70,000 doses for Friday and Saturday to the government and they promptly sent it to us," said Medical Director, Bhagwan Mahaveer Jain Hospital, Dr Marker.

The demand for Remdesivir has shot up across the country in the last three weeks. The shortage is also being attributed to pharma companies slowing down the production after Covid cases started decreasing in the beginning of the year because the expiry date of Remdesivir is up to three months. As the cases started increasing after March 10, the demand for the critical drug has also gone up.

Karnataka is one of the worst-hit states with Covid cases going up alarmingly. Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday warned against hoarding or black marketing of the drug.

In May last year, four domestic pharma companies — Cipla, Jubilant Life Sciences, Hetero and Mylan — had entered into 'non-exclusive licensing agreements' with US drug major Gilead Sciences to manufacture and distribute Remdesivir.

More beds being added to fight Covid: BBMP chief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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BRUHAT Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta on Saturday said that more beds in hospitals, covid care centres (CCCs), hotels and hostels will be added to help Covid patients.

He told the media that those who have little or no symptoms should move to step down hospitals so that those who are in dire need can get it at the earliest. He said that 150 ICU ventilator beds were added to the list on Saturday with the inauguration of Charaka Super Specialty Hospital in Shivajinagar. This will help in meeting some demand. He added that the number of beds at Victoria Hospital is being increased from 150 to 500 and beds in government medical colleges too will be jacked up in the coming days.

Gupta said that under the Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust, 4,300 beds will be available and 60 ambulances will be added to the list. People need not individually go looking for beds in hospitals as they will be allocated beds by centralised and zonal war rooms. Also, the allocation of beds will happen at hospitals. People can dial 1912 any time for any information and complaints. Also, private hospitals have been instructed to increase the bed availability for government-referred Covid patients to 50 per cent of their capacity.

'Double mutant variant may trigger intense second wave'

CHETANA BELAGERE @ Bengaluru

With an exponential rise in the number of Covid-19 cases in the state, **Dr Vishal Rao U S**, Head and Neck Oncologist and member of the state Covid Task Force, talks on how bad the second wave will be and the possible reasons for the surge

What is the difference between the first and second wave?
One of the most important differences is that the first wave initially spread slowly due to early stringent government measures coupled with strong citizens' vigilance. People mostly did follow stringent measures like using masks, ensuring well-ventilated environments, minimising social activities, leading to lower number of Covid cases.

However, the second wave has a new signature to it. Overall, citizens have lowered their guard due to a deep sense of Covid fatigue. The hallmark of the second wave is the recuperation of the socio-economic setback of the first wave. The earlier experience has forced all stakeholders to increase socio-economic activities for maintaining economic sustenance, as also social connect which is indirectly influenced by the Covid fatigue. Beyond these factors, the double mutant strain is further contributing to the virus spread.

It was earlier said that this wave or new mutant is not lethal. But we are seeing more people dying. Why?
The double mutant variant is considered more virulent and it is a "variant of concern" (VOC). This strain is considered for the morbidity in the second wave. Mutations in the virus, per se, are not surprising. But specific mutations that either help the virus evolve to thwart vaccines or the immune system or are linked to a spike in cases or disease severity, are definitely a cause for concern. While the two mutations have been individually identified in other variants of SARS-CoV-2 globally, and associated with a reduction in vaccine efficacy and infectivity, their combined effect and biological implication has not yet been fully comprehended.

It is important to note that the 'double mutant' variant is likely to trigger an "intense second wave". It is estimated that the virus is over 50 pc more transmissible and 60 pc more lethal.

We are seeing more asymptomatic patients testing positive. Why?
Around 32 pc of the population is aged between 22-45 years. This age group is most active socially as well as economically and hence, acts as common carriers with asymptomatic presentation, but may transfer infection to the vulnerable population.

There is shortage of drugs/treatment considered vital for recovery. When we had the time, where do you think the government went wrong?
In the current situation, unfortunately, we know that there is no one single appropriate treatment available and accepted for Covid-19.

While there could be opportunity to set up plasma therapy by government in every district to save the lives of critically ill patients and arrange for oxygen, the need for the hour is to strengthen the dose of Remdesivir and make it available in all the centres to save lives.

When will the second wave peak and how long will this last?
Compared to the previous year's data, India is still not in the midst of a second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic. Considering the duration from the present level of daily new cases to the peak India saw last year, the country is expected to reach the high in the last week of May. The second wave will last until the end of June and may also extend to July if proper precautions are not taken.

What should be done now to tackle this situation?
In the current regimen, vaccination is going to provide protection against the third wave. However, the second wave seems to be catapulting faster than our vaccination regime, and at this juncture, it would be more prudent for us to look at strengthening awareness and enforcement to slow down the virus, without moving towards a lockdown.

COVID-19 HOSPITAL BED STATUS

Karnataka is seeing an acute shortage of ICU and ventilator-supported beds. The State Government has real-time information available for Bengaluru. Karnataka Health Department Commissioner Trilok Chandra, however, claimed that there is no shortage of beds at government hospitals in the state, while data on beds at private facilities is being collated from other districts, and directions have been issued to reserve 50 per cent of the beds at private facilities in Bengaluru to meet any requirements going forward. Meanwhile, BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta has appealed to people not to occupy hospital beds if they have mild or no symptoms.

Facility (in B'luru)	Allocated	Occupied	Availability	ICU	Ventilator	Availability
Govt Medical Colleges	520	460	60	60	70	5/5
Govt Hospitals	811	757	54	71	45	2/2
Pvt Medical Colleges	3,000	1,709	1,291	85	84	1/2
Pvt Hospitals	1,668	1,030	638	117	88	22/9
Govt Covid Care Centres	578	476	102	NA	NA	NA

Positivity rate too sees big jump

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THE positivity rate for the state too saw a big jump on Saturday, touching 12.20 per cent, close to the 12.54 per cent mark registered on September 27, 2020, during the peak of the first wave. The number of deaths too saw an increase, with 80 succumbing on Saturday, against 78 on Friday. However, Bengaluru Urban district witnessed fewer deaths at 43. On Friday, the district had recorded 57 deaths. With this, the death toll in the state has touched 13,270. In a worrying trend, the recovery rate too has been falling consistently, dropping to below 89 per cent on Saturday. The state now has 1,19,160 active cases.

Dr C N Manjunath, Director of the Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, had earlier predicted that Bengaluru alone could very soon see 25,000 fresh cases per day if the virus spread is not contained. "We had predicted 10,000 cases at the peak of the second wave, but we are seeing that now itself," he told *TNIE*.

Among other districts, Mysuru reported 811 cases and Kalaburgi reported 560 cases. Tumakuru (507), Ballari (355), Dakshina Kannada (309) and Bidar (359) were the other high case-load districts.

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In terms of the agreements and documents entered into by you with **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** you were required to repay the principal amounts of the financial assistance in accordance with repayment as contained in the said agreements / Documents and also to pay interest thereon at the rates and in the manner as stated in the said agreements and Documents. The operation and conduct of the accounts in respect of the above said financial assistance / credit facilities have become irregular and your debt has since been classified by **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** as a Non Performing Asset on **29-05-2016** consequent to the default committed by you **No. 1 to No. 2** in repayment of principal debt and interest thereon.

Accordingly in exercise of the powers conferred in terms of Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (hereinafter referred to as 'the said Act') **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** declares that the aggregate amount of **Rs. 92,62,331/- (Rupees Ninety Two Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty One Only) as on 31-03-2021** is immediately due and payable along with future interest.

In the premises we the **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** hereby call upon you all jointly & severally to pay to **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** within a period of 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice the aggregate sum of **Rs. 92,62,331/- (Rupees Ninety Two Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty One Only) as on 31-03-2021** together with further interest thereon with effect from **01-04-2021** at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, other monies until payment or realization.

In case you fail to make the payment as aforesaid, **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** shall be constrained to take recourse in terms of the provisions of the said Act against all or any one or more of the secured assets, entirely at your risk as to costs and consequences thereof. The powers available to **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the borrower including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing secured asset (ii) take over the management of the secured asset including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale and realize the secured asset and any transfer of secured asset by **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** shall vest in the all rights or in relation to the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you.

In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are here by prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in this notice without prior consent of **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

This notice is issued in terms of Section 13(2) of the said Act.

The previous 13(2) notice dated 07.12.2020 stands withdrawn.

The charges expenses incurred for taking the said action shall be met out of the sale proceeds and if the sale proceeds are found insufficient to satisfy the entire amount due to the Bank, for the balance amount, appropriate legal action as provided in Act will do taken against you, holding all of you jointly and severally liable to all costs and consequences thereof.

Please note that the above notice is issued without prejudice to such rights of the secured creditor to initiate any other legal proceedings / auction as deemed fit and necessary under the provisions of any other law for the time being in force.

ANNEXURE-I

Sl. No.	A/c No.	Sanction Amount (Rs)	Amount outstanding as on 31/03/2021 repayable by you
1	HL-EMI-3	54,20,000/-	**Rs. 92,62,331/-** (together with further interest thereon with effect from **01-04-2021** at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, other monies until payment or realization.

ANNEXURE-II (DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTIRE PROPERTY)

All that Piece and Parcel of the Residential Property bearing No.15, V P Khatha No.110, PID No.54-312-2, situated at Kathriguppe Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently within the limits of BBMP, corporation ward No.54, with present address Siddivinayaka Layout, Srinivasanagar, BSK III Stage, Bangalore - 560085, measuring East to West (29+21)/2 Feet and North to South (23+25)/2 feet totally measuring 600 sq.ft. together with constructed area of 1800 Sq.Ft. off Ground, First and Second floor with Mosaic flooring and bounded on: **East by :** Property No.14, **West by :** Private Property, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Private Property.

Date : 09-04-2021
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited

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Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Ph :** 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.64,13,693/- (Rupees Sixty Four Lakh Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Three Only)** as on **16-08-2020** together with further interest to be charged from **17-08-2020** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) Mr. K. Harirajan, S/o. Mr. Krishnasamy, No.174, 3rd Cross, Basavalingappa Nagar, Near Bilekahalli Bus Stop, Bilekahalli, Bangalore - 560 076. No.2) Mrs. Kalaimani Harirajan, W/o. Mr. K. Harirajan, No.174, 3rd Cross, Basavalingappa Nagar, Near Bilekahalli Bus Stop, Bilekahalli, Bangalore - 560 076.**

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank (Properties Owned by Mr. K. Harirajan, S/o. Mr. Krishnasamy)

Schedule - A Property:- All that piece and parcel of land bearing converted Sy.No.138/3, situated at Site No.200/1, in New BBMP Katha Nos.1002/1199/1093/882/200/1, in Sy.No. 138/3, situated at Sarvabhouma Nagar, Bilekahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. Measuring:- East to West 120 ft., North to South 80 ft. Totally measuring 9,600 Sq.ft. and Bounded on:- East by - 30 ft. Road, West by - Private Property, North by - 30 ft. Road, South by - 30 ft. Road.

Schedule - B Property:- An undivided 263 Sq.ft., share in the land comprised in the Schedule - A Property.

Schedule - C Property:- All that piece and parcel of the Flat bearing No.408 in the Fourth Floor in the Residential Apartment known as NEHA LEGEND to be constructed on Schedule - A Property consisting of Living, Dining and Three Bed Rooms having super built-up area of 1,220 Sq.ft., equipped with Flooring, Sanitary, Electrical Wiring and Other Facilities with Car Parking Space in the Stilt Floor.

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(Rupees Forty Lakh Only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
12-05-2021	City Union Bank Limited, R.T. Nagar- Bangalore Branch, No.590, HMT Layout, 4th Cross, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore - 560 032. Telephone No.080-23337000, Cell No.9342855177.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Ltd., R.T. Nagar- Bangalore Branch, No.590, HMT Layout, 4th Cross, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore - 560 032. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-23337000, Cell No.9342855177. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place: Kumbakonam, Date: 16-04-2021 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL No.1 AT BANGALORE
ORIGINAL APPLICATION No. 1181 / 2019

BETWEEN : CANARA BANK (Erstwhile Syndicate Bank)
R P C Layout Branch, Bangalore 560040. **...Applicant**
AND : 1) KARTHIKAIYA S/o S O Swaminath, No. 307, Shivanilaya Ground Floor, 3rd Main, 6th Cross, Venkatapura, Koramangala, Bangalore 560034. 9845389709, 08067497323, 08042179171.
2) R. MAMATHA W/o Karthikaiya, 9845389709, Co-borrower 08067497323, 08042179171, 9845389709, No.307, Shivanilaya, Ground Floor, 08067497323, 08042179171, 3rd Main, 6th Cross, Venkatapura, Koramanagla, Bangalore 560034. **...Defendant**

Summons issued under Rule 23(viii) of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules 1993 by paper Publication to Defendant

To, 1) KARTHIKAIYA S/o S O Swaminath, No. 307, Shivanilaya Ground Floor, 3rd Main, 6th Cross, Venkatapura, Koramangala, Bangalore 560034. 9845389709, 8067497323, 08042179171.
2) R. MAMATHA W/o Karthikaiya, 9845389709, Co-borrower 08067497323, 08042179171, No.367, Shivanilaya, Ground Floor, 3rd Main, 6th Cross, Venkatapura, Koramanagla, Bangalore 560034.

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks & FI's Act, 1993 against you for the recovery of **Rs.75,31,663.07** (Rupees Seventy Five Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Three and Paise Seven Only) in together with current and future interest and other reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear and to file written statement before this Tribunal at **10.30 AM** or at such time immediately thereafter according to the convenience of the Tribunal on **30.06.2021** to answer the claim.

1. You should file your registered address and Memo of appearance when you enter appearance before the Tribunal either in person by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed.
2. Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the day mentioned herein before, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.

The Application will be determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 22nd day of March 2021.

Registrar I/C,
Debt Recovery Tribunal-I, Bangalore

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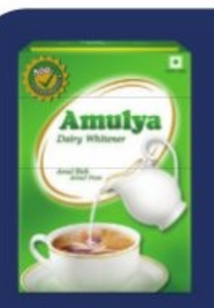

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Chief Secretary P Ravi Kumar has directed senior officers to hold meetings by following social distancing and other guidelines, or hold virtual meetings for the next one or two months

It's neck-and-neck in all 3 seats for BJP, Cong

Belagavi Lok Sabha, Basavakalyan Assembly constituencies record low voter turnout, Maski notches 77.5%

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR, RAMAKRISHNA BADASESHI
@Belagavi/Kalaburgi

From Left: Voters queue up at a polling booth in Yaragatti near Belagavi on Saturday; A woman sanitises her hands before exercising her franchise at a polling booth in Basavakalyan; women cast their votes at a Sakhi booth in Maski, Raichur district | EXPRESS

THE worsening Covid situation impacted the by-polls held to Belagavi Lok Sabha and Basavakalyan Assembly constituencies in Bidar district on Saturday as the average voting in both these segments dropped drastically as compared to the last elections. However, the Maski Assembly constituency (ST reserved, Raichur district) recorded 77.48 per cent.

Belagavi Deputy Commissioner Dr K Harish Kumar said that 54.02 per cent polling was recorded in the Belagavi Lok Sabha bypoll at the end of polling at 7 pm on Saturday. The average final polling at the Basavakalyan constituency is expected to be not more than 62 to 64 per cent.

The DC said that of the eight Assembly segments which Belagavi Lok Sabha constituency covers, Gokak recorded the highest of 60.47 per cent voting, while the Belagavi North the lowest at 42.88 per cent.

The surge in Covid cases in Belagavi and Bidar districts is said to be the reason for people confining themselves to their homes. Belagavi registered 188 cases on Saturday as against 120 on Friday, while Bidar had 359 cases on Saturday and 326 on Friday. Raichur district recorded 91 cases on Saturday and 108 on Friday.

The streets were deserted in many parts of the Belagavi constituency and by 5 pm, the overall average voting was merely 47.6 per cent. In Basavakalyan, it was 52.4 per cent and Maski 62.28 per cent at 5 pm.

A covid-positive Amarnath Jarkiholi, son of former Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi, cast his vote at a local polling station in Gokak wearing a PPE kit.

Despite measures to attract more voters, bypoll in Basavakalyan did not gain pace as expected. Given the high-voltage campaigning by both BJP and Congress, political analysts had expected a higher turnout of voters. It had registered 64.56 per cent in the 2018 Assembly polls.

At Maski, the voter turnout picked up as the day progressed. It recorded 68.97 per cent in 2018.

At the end of voting in Belagavi, Congress candidate Satish Jarkiholi, who was relishing a masala dosa at a street corner in Gokak town, said he was going to win without any doubt given the poor turnout of voters.

BJP candidate Mangala Angadi too was confident of winning the seat and said that the projects her husband late Suresh Angadi brought to Karnataka as a Union Minister of State for Railways will help her win the seat.

The BJP and Congress are locked in a neck-and-neck clash in all the three constituencies. BJP predicts a fifth straight victory in Belagavi, besides winning Basavakalyan and Maski seats, while Congress too is confident of winning the three constituencies, riding on popular candidates it has fielded.

The Belagavi Lok Sabha constituency has been a stronghold of BJP with Suresh Angadi winning the seat since 2004. To counter its candidate Mangala, wife of Suresh Angadi, Congress fielded Satish Jarkiholi, finding it the right opportunity to snatch the seat from BJP.

The clash for Basavakalyan between Mala Narayanrao of Congress and Sharanu Salgar of BJP is expected to go down to the wire. The death of MLA Narayanrao, husband of Mala, necessitated the bypoll here. Though former MLA Mallikarjun Khuba, who had contested from a BJP ticket the last Assembly election, is in the fray as a BJP rebel, is only expected to grab some share of BJP votes.

At Maski, it is a direct clash between Pratapgouda Patil of BJP and Basangouda Turvihal of Congress. The bypoll was held Pratapgouda, a sitting MLA, defected to BJP. Turvihal, who had contested the last election as a BJP candidate, had lost to Pratapgouda by a mere 213 votes.

EXPRESS READ

'Make Covid treatment free at pvt hospitals'

Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah on Saturday demanded that Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa make Covid treatment free for all patients referred by the government to private hospitals. In a series of tweets, he hit out at the State and Union Governments for failing to "manage the Covid situation" in the state. With government hospitals already saturated, people are heading to private hospitals and many are unable to afford the charges, he said. "The crisis has exposed the fragile public healthcare system under the BJP government, both in the State and Centre," he added. **ENS**

BSY stable, under medical observation

BENGALURU: Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, who was admitted to a private hospital after testing Covid positive on Friday, continues to be under medical observation. A statement from the Chief Minister's Office said that he is stable and cheerful, and doctors have advised him complete rest. CMO sources said that he did not take up any official work and did not interact with officials and ministers. Sources said that the chief minister spent his time reading newspapers and watching IPL matches. **ENS**

HDK too tests positive, but fails to get bed initially

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AFTER Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa, JDS leader HD Kumaraswamy too tested Covid positive on Saturday. Both leaders may have contracted the virus during their campaigning for the bypolls at Maski, Basavkalyana and Belagavi, it is suspected.

With the high number of admissions in Bengaluru, Kumaraswamy failed to get a bed at a private hospital on Old Airport Road, despite Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar's intervention. He is currently being treated at a private hospital in South Bengaluru, said sources from his party office.

Kumaraswamy returned to Bengaluru on Friday evening and was fatigued. He did not go home, but stayed at a private hotel, and got a Covid test done which returned positive, they said.

His office approached Manipal Hospital, but no beds were available. Later in the evening, he tweeted that Sudhakar and Jayadeva Institute Director Dr CN Manjunath arranged for a bed for him at Manipal Hospital. "By then, I had got admitted to Apollo where my heart operation was performed," he stated.

MORE CURBS

Organisers have to take permission to book halls for events

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TO ensure that people follow Covid guidelines while organising events, the state government has now made it mandatory to avail permission from authorities for booking choultries, or wedding halls, for any events or ceremonies, including weddings. Organisers have to collect a pass from the local authorities.

Speaking to reporters after over a two-and-half-hour video conference with the deputy commissioners and senior district officials, Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Revenue Minister R Ashoka said that the directive will not apply to those who have already booked choultries and they can go ahead by following restrictions that are already in place. It will be applicable for new bookings from henceforth.

Ashoka said that temple fairs will not be allowed. Deputy Commissioners and the Superintendents of Police have to visit such places and convince people against holding temple fairs. The DCs and SPs will be held responsible if fairs are held, he added.

Prior to holding any events or ceremonies in convention centres or halls, organisers have to inform the commissioners or tahasildar, who will issue them a pass for a number of people, who can attend such events. As per the Covid guidelines, a maximum of 100 people can attend indoor events and 200 for outdoor functions, said Ashoka and added that any marriage halls violating the norms will face action.

In the last few days, the state government has announced a number of restrictions to contain the Covid spread and has also been emphasising strict enforcement of the guidelines.

Revenue Minister to chair meet tomorrow

With Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa undergoing Covid treatment at a private hospital, Revenue Minister R Ashoka will chair a meeting of parliament members and legislators on Monday to discuss the Covid situation in Bengaluru. "As directed by the CM, a meeting of MPs and legislators, chaired by the revenue minister, will be held at 3 pm on Monday, to discuss the Covid situation," said a statement.

No entry sans permission at soudhas

The state government has imposed restrictions on the entry of visitors to Vidhana Soudha and Vikas Soudha.Only those with prior permission can visit offices in Vidhana Soudha, Vikas Soudha and the MS Building and only after 3.30 pm.

Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Revenue Minister R Ashoka and Health Minister K Sudhakar at a Covid review meeting in Bengaluru on Saturday

BUS STRIKE

IT'S A DEAD END AS UNIONS, GOVT REFUSE TO BLINK FIRST

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

With buses still staying off the road, commuters are relying on private buses for inter-and intra-state travel | VINOD KUMAR T

This is the longest strike by the unions of four state-run transport corporations in Karnataka. It's 11 days since the agitation started, and still, neither the government nor the unions want to bend.

It has reduced into a battle of egos, putting commuters and those directly and indirectly connected with the transport sector -- families of striking workers, the potters, the cleaners and the daily business units at the bus stands -- through insufferable misery.

The unions have left no elbow space for negotiations as they are firm on their demand of getting wages as per the Sixth Pay Commission, while the government has hardened its stand, filing FIRs under ESMA and dismissing unruly striking employees. The transport corporations approached the labour commission, which declared the strike illegal. The case has now been referred to the Industries Tribunal for judgement.

Transport officials said that till Friday evening, over 5,500 buses from all the four corporations -- Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC), Karnataka State Transport Corporation (KSRTC), North-East Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NEKRTC) and North West Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC) -- hit the roads. To counter the effects of the strike, the government has pressed into service private buses and transport corporation vehicles from neighbouring states.

"Employees are gradually coming back to work. This means they have understood theirs and the government's situation. Also, violent attacks on their own colleagues reveal that they have lost their battle. But it is the ego of their leaders and the misguided youth who are prolonging the strike, making matters worse," a transport department official said.

"The unions should understand that the prime source of income for the corporations is not from the property rents earned, but from bus tickets sold. On an average day, a corporation earns Rs 17 crore from ticket sales. Though we announced no-work-no-pay, under the current situation, with about Rs 187 crore loss over the last 10 days and losses incurred due to Covid (lockdown and fewer passengers in the unlock period), paying wages to the existing staff has become difficult. But the unions don't seem to understand this. It is surprising that this time, trainees and probationers too have joined the strike. Since youngsters are involved, calming them down and making them understand is a challenge for the government. It is only the experienced employees who can make them see the harsh reality and end the strike. The government too hopes that, and is waiting for the model code of conduct to end to take further action," the official added.

The four road transport corporations operate 24,000 buses and employ 1.30 lakh people. Amid the lockdown and financial crisis, the State Government released Rs 2,300 to ensure that the employees are paid. But the unions say it is not a favour, but their right.

THE BACKGROUND

The tussle is not just 10 days old. On January 20, 2020, the transport unions held a massive rally and submitted a memorandum to the state government, which sought time. The unions waited till December 2020 and again met the government, which constituted a four-member committee to look into their demands.

From December 10-14, the unions held a protest and placed nine demands, giving the State Government three months to meet them. After the deadline, they again met government officials on March 16. In March last week, they announced that they would go on an indefinite strike from April 7.

BIG PICTURE

The government said it met eight of the nine demands -- Arogya Bhagya scheme, intercorporation transfers, transport allowance and direct allowance, committee to check on harassment at workplace, abolition of non-ticket issue-not-collected scheme, implementation of human resource management system for all, Covid insurance scheme covering up to Rs 30 lakh, and reduction in training period from two years to one. But the unions asserted that they were not consulted.

But the one demand, and the crucial one, that the State Government is unable to meet is increasing the salaries as per the recommendations of the Sixth Pay Commission. For that, transport corporation employees have to be turned into government employees.

THE TRICKY ISSUE

"We agree that this is the longest and first-ever such strike in the last 40 years. We are not proud of it, but we have no choice. Our starting basic salary is Rs 12,400, while a government employee gets Rs 21,400. Pay revision is done once in four years and it is normally around 4-5 per cent, while government employees get it annually. Even after 30 years, the basic pay rises to only about Rs 30,000. Are we not entitled to better wages," union leaders ask.

Anand Subbarao, AICTU union head, who has withdrawn from the strike, said the fault lies on both sides. The unions called for a strike at the wrong time and left no scope for negotiations, while the government instead of negotiating at the beginning tried to handle the situation diplomatically. The government instead of forming the four-member committee should have said no to the Sixth Pay Commission and negotiated the wages."

He said, "There are 74 corporations in the state. If the demand of the transport corporation employees is agreed to and they are turned into government employees, other corporation employees too will demand it, burdening the government financially. One-time settlements have been made in 2012 and in 2016, and could have been done again. But no one is willing to bend. The unions can still return to work as the matter is in the industries tribunal where they can fight it out. In 2004, we had gone to the Tribunal against a 5 per cent wage revision and got it increased to 20 per cent. The government has also not given functional autonomy to the corporations. There is no professional management in the corporations to handle the present situation."

A MODEL TO FOLLOW?

The unions in Karnataka are following the Telangana model. The unions there had gone on strike for 52 days and had returned to work after that.

"Looking at the plight of the senior employees in the corporation, the youth were slowly pushing for their demands. But now due to misguided union leaders, who have no knowledge of how corporations work, the strike has intensified so much that on Friday, a 59-year-old driver in Jamkhandi died in a stone-throwing incident. Over the last 40-50 years, the situation of transport corporations has improved, but fleet exchange needs to improve. The strike should have ended when the chief minister agreed to an 8-10 per cent wage revision. They must understand that they are a corporation and not government employees. Corporations came into existence under the Motor Vehicles Act and have different rules and powers. At a time of national/worldwide crises, rise in wages should not be asked, 6th Pay Commission is not possible," says former transport minister and JDS leader PGR Sindhia.

Inputs from Ramakrishna Badsheshi and Mallikarjun Hiremath

FLEET SIZE

KSRTC	8,264
BMTC	6,521
NWKRTC	4,868
NEKRTC	4,596
Total	24,249

NEKRTC	
Employees	19,724
Revenue	₹4.30 cr*
Loss	₹89.27 cr**

NWKRTC	
Employees	1,496
Revenue	₹20 lakh
Loss	₹186.46 cr

BMTC	
Employees	32,898
Revenue	₹3.4-3.5 cr
Loss	₹549.34 cr

KSRTC	
Employees	1,11,708
Revenue	₹8-9 cr
Loss	₹157.56 cr

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All over a head scarf: Student stopped from writing exam

Later allowed to appear after cops, parents speak to principal of Sullia college

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mangaluru

A law student was denied entry into the exam hall on Saturday at the Law School in Sullia, Dakshina Kannada district. Reason: She was wearing a head scarf. However, after her parents and student unions protested against the decision of the college, the authorities allowed her to appear for the exam.

The incident reportedly occurred on Saturday morning, when a first-year law student from Kerala went to write her first exam. The examinations by Mangalore University commenced on Friday.

As per the guidelines of the varsity, except the uniform and station-

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ery items required for the exam, no other materials are allowed inside the examination hall. The college principal did not allow the law student to appear for the exam, citing that she cannot wear a scarf as it is against the rules. The student expressed displeasure over this and refused to remove her scarf. She also informed her parents.

Members of Campus Front Of India(CFI) gathered in front of the college. The local police and the parents of the student also held a discussion with the principal Udaykrishna and academy advisor Professor Balachandra Gowda.

CFI leader Ansar Bellare opposed the decision of the principal and alleged that no other college had enforced such a rule for students wearing head scarf. Later, the principal allowed the student to write the exam and asked her to cooperate when the exam supervisors conduct checks.

Over 100 B'luru cops test +ve, most vaccinated

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

AS many as 105 police personnel in the city have tested Covid-positive in the last few days. Three of them succumbed to the virus, on Friday. Some of the Covid-positive personnel have been admitted to hospitals and a few quarantined in their homes.

An ASI rank officer from Ashok Nagar and Reserve ASI from VIP security division aged 50 and 56 years respectively, succumbed to Covid at a hospital in Friday.

Meanwhile, a 46-year-old head constable working in the City Armed Reserve, who was admitted two days ago, breathed his last on Friday, a senior officer from the Intelligence department said.

The infection is on the rise and every police station reported Covid cases, with West Division having the highest positives at 34.

All the police stations are being sanitised and police personnel are being tested. Senior police officials have been counselling their staff since they are Covid warriors.

Meanwhile, the city police commissioner said that most of policemen in the department have been vaccinated and have been instructed to take all precautions while handling the situation.

CORONA CAUTION

Court takes stock of Covid situation in state

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Saturday told the State Government to issue directions to all those concerned to avoid congregation or rallies after the bypoll results are declared on May 2.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Aravind Kumar issued the direction after the counsel for petitioners drew the court's attention to the government permitting political gatherings with 200 people. Such gatherings will contribute to the spread of Covid-19, the court added.

Taking note of the serious consequences of more than 48 hours' delay in receiving RTPCR test results, the court said that the person who has given the sample must be in home isolation awaiting the result. The treatment will also be delayed if reports are not received on time. Therefore, the government should issue direction to all recognised labs to provide results at the earliest and not later than 24 hours, the court said, adding that sending results through SMS or WhatsApp can be explored, before uploading it on the ICMR website. The court also said it is the duty of the government to ensure that no Covid patient be deprived of availing beds.

Directing the State Government and BBMP to launch a mass campaign to create awareness among the public about precautions to be taken, available facilities, helpline numbers and how to use of them, the court

A health worker collects swab samples of a boy at Majestic on Saturday | VINOD KUMAR T

told the Palike to ensure that patients be contacted immediately should they test positive, and all necessary assistance be provided to them.

Taking note of the submission made by the state and BBMP that there was no shortage of Remedevisir and oxygen, the court directed the government to display the contact number of the nodal officer to be contacted for the drug, in private hospitals if needed. Meanwhile, BBMP informed that there are 270 ambulances as of now, which will be joined by 150 more in a week.

The court asked the BBMP to submit the details of steps taken for disposal of biomedical waste as a large number of Covid patients are home-quarantined in the city, and also the safety measures being observed for pourakarmikas.

No need for CBI probe in CD-gate, says HC

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THE Karnataka High Court on Saturday said that it is not necessary to consider the plea of a petitioner to transfer the investigation into three cases registered in connection with the sleaze CD row to the Central Bureau of Investigation at this stage.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order after going through the status report on the investigation submitted by Soumendu Mukherjee, who is heading the Special Investigation Team (SIT), in response to directions issued by the court. While ordering the notice to the State Government on April 5, on two separate PILs on the CD row, allegedly involved by former BJP minister Ramesh Jarkiholi, the court had directed the SIT to place on record, in a sealed cover, the report of the investigation so far carried out. Accordingly, the report was submitted to the court on Saturday.

Seeking directions to refer the matter to the CBI for probe in order to ensure proper investigation or to constitute a central investigation team under the supervision of the high court, advocate S Umesh, in his PIL, prayed the court to issue directions to the authorities concerned for implementing the guidelines issued by the Bombay High Court with regard to "Media coverage on cases under enquiry/investigation, etc".

In another PIL, advocate Geetha Misra questioned the manner in which selective information pertaining to investigation is being leaked to the media, which affects the rights of the accused in some cases.

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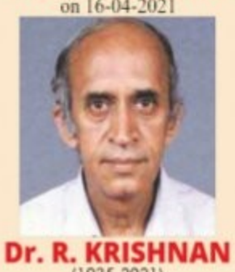

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E-auction SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSET UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO Rule 8 (6) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

1. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **05.05.2021** for recovery of **Rs.45,30,117/-** (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Thirty Thousand One Hundred and Seventeen only) as on 11.04.2021+ interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **Sri.Shivakumar.V** S/o Venkataramanappa (Borrower).
The reserve price, earnest money deposit bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:-

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount	Last date for receipt of EMD
1.	Rs. 21,42,000/-	Rs. 2,14,200/-	Rs. 10,000.00	03.05.2021

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI/ARMB/KRV/01
Property No. 1 – (Title deed holder: Sri.Shivakumar.V S/o Venkataramanappa)
All that piece and parcel of residential Apartment Flat No. 304 in 3rd Floor with super built up area of 955 sq.feet in in apartment known as "SIDDARTHA SRINILAYA" with one covered car parking space, bounded on East by: Open Space, West by: Flat No. 303, North by: Open Space and South by: Flat NO. 305, with 196 sqft undivided share, right, title and interest, in the immovable property bearing converted Sy. No. 9/4, Old Gram Panchayath Khatha No. 6684/6208/9/4, Now assigned New panchayath Raj Computerized Khatha No. 6608/9/4 with PID No. 150200103101106709 (in form No. 11B Rule 30(7)), converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purposes vide its order no. ALN[A]SR127/2012-13, dated: 07.09.2012 and the conversion order issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru, situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, measuring 5 ½ guntas and bounded on East by: Remaining portion of Sy.No.9/4 belonging to Sri.T.Nagaraju, West by: Government Road, North by: Property of H.Muniyappa and South by: Property of Mesa Muniyappa.

2.Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **05.05.2021** for recovery of **Rs.43,24,124/-** (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Twenty Four Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Four only) **as on 11.04.2021** + interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **Sri.Amir Ali Khan** S/o.Sri. Musthafa Ali Khan (Borrower).
The reserve price, earnest money deposit bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:-

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount	Last date for receipt of EMD
2.	Rs. 22,19,000/-	Rs. 2,21,900/-	Rs. 10,000.00	03.05.2021

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI/ARMB/KRV/02
Property No. 2 – (Title deed holder: Sri.Amir Ali Khan)
All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment bearing Flat No.305, third Floor, in the apartment known as "Siddartha Srinilaya", with super built up area of 976 sq.ft, RCC Roofing, Concrete Block, Wood Doors with Aluminum Windows with One covered car parking space, undivided share, right, title and interest measuring to an extent of 200 sq.ft, Flat bounded on : East by Open Space, West by : Flat No.302, North by : Flat No.304, South by : Flat No.306 Constructed in Sy.No.9/4, Old Gram Panchayath Khata No.6684/6208/9/4, now signed new Panchayath Raj computerized Katha No.6608/9/4 with PID No.150200103101106709, converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purposes vide its order No.ALN(A)SR127/2012-13, dated 07.09.2012 issued by the Deputy Commissioner Bengaluru District, Bengaluru, situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, measuring 0 acres 5 ½ guntas and bounded on ; East by : Remaining portion of Sy.No.9/4 belongs to Sri.T.Nagaraju, West by : Government Road, North by : Property of H.Muniyappa, South by : Property of Mesa Muniyappa.

3.Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on on **05.05.2021** for recovery of **Rs.43,89,855/-** (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Five only) as on 11.04.2021 + interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **Miss. Rashmi.T** D/o. Thimmappa Krishniah (Borrower).
The reserve price, earnest money deposit bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:-

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount	Last date for receipt of EMD
3.	Rs. 21,42,000/-	Rs. 2,14,200/-	Rs. 10,000.00	03.05.2021

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI/ARMB/KRV/03
Property No. 3 – (Title deed holder: Miss. Rashmi.T D/o. Thimmappa Krishniah)
All that piece and parcel of residential Flat bearing No.105, in First Floor, in the Apartment known as "SIDDARTHA SRINILAYA" with Super built up area 955 Sq.feet with one covered car parking space and bounded on East by: Private Property, West by: Flat No.102, North by Flat No.104, South by: Flat No.106 and 196Sq.ft undivided share, right, title and interest in the property where the above apartment is constructed land under Sy.No.9/4, Old Gram Panchayath Khatha No.6684/6208/9/4, now assigned New Panchayath Raj Computerized Khatha No.6608/9/4, with PID No.150200103101106709 (in form No.11B Rule 30(7), converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide its order No.ALN[A]SR127/2012-13, dated 07.09.2012, and the conversion order issued by the Deputy Commissioner Bengaluru District, Bengaluru situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, measuring 0 acre5 ½ guntas and bounded on East by: Remaining Portion of Sy.No.9/4 belongs to Sri.T.Nagaraju, West by: Government Road, North by: Property of H.Muniyappa and South by: Property of Mesa Muniyappa.

4. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **05.05.2021** for recovery of **Rs.44,62,273/-** (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy Three only) as on 11.04.2021+ interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **Sri. Chandesh.B** S/o Byrappa.D(Borrower). The reserve price, earnest money deposit bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:-

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount	Last date for receipt of EMD
4.	Rs. 21,42,000/-	Rs. 2,14,200/-	Rs. 10,000.00	03.05.2021

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI/ARMB/KRV/04
Property No. 4 – (Title deed holder: Sri. Chandesh.B S/o Byrappa.D)
All that piece and parcel of residential Apartment Flat bearing No.202, in Second Floor, in the Apartment known as " SIDDARTHA SRINILAYA" with 950 sq.feet, super built up area and one covered car parking space and bounded on East by: Flat No.205, West by: Road, North by Flat No.203, South by: Flat No.201 and 195 sq.ft undivided share, right, title and interest in the immovable property bearing converted Sy.No.9/4, Old Gram Panchayath Khatha No.6684/6208/9/4, now assigned New Panchayath Raj Computersized Khatha No.6608/9/4, with PID No.150200103101106709 (in form No.11B Rule 30(7), converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide its order No.ALN[A]SR127/2012-13, dated 07.09.2012, and issued by the Deputy Commissioner Bengaluru District, Bengaluru situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, measuring 0 acre5 ½ guntas and bounded on East by: Remaining Portion of Sy.No.9/4 belonging to Sri.T.Nagaraju, West by: Government Road, North by: Property of H.Muniyappa and South by: Property of Mesa Muniyappa.

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಕಾನೂನು ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿ–2000 ರಂತೆ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, **2019–20ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಗೃಹಭಾಗ್ಯ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ** ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ **KW-3** ರ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ, ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ದರ್ಜಿಯ E-GOK ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ರಜಿಸ್ಟ್ರೇಷನ್ ಮಾಡಿಸಿದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ನಿಶ್ಚಿತ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರನ್ನು ನಮೂದಿಸಿದ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಸದರಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ನಿಯಮಗಳ ಮತ್ತು ಟೆಂಡರು ಕರಾರುಗಳ ಅನ್ವಯ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರ್ಮಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯುವುದು, ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ. **(1) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಆರ್ಥಿಕವಾಗಿ ದ್ವಿಪತ್ರಿ ಲಕೋಟೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23.04.2021, 4.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ. (2) ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 26.04.2021, 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ. (3) ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27.04.2021, 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ.** (ರಜಾ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಬೇರೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು)
ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ವಿವರ: ಅಂಕೋಲಾ ಪುರಸಭೆಯ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಗೃಹಭಾಗ್ಯ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಜಿ+2 ಮಾದರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಸತಿಗೃಹ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಮಾಡುವುದು) (ಕೇಣಿ ಸ.ನಂ. 162ಎ ರಲ್ಲಿ) ಅಂದಾಜು ರಖಂ ರೂ. 70.20 ಲಕ್ಷ, ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ರಕಂ (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) as per govt order no.ಆಇ675:ವೆಚ್ಚ–12/2020 ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು date:-22-12-2020 EMD Declaration attached **ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ದರ್ಜೆ: 1ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು, ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಳಿಸಲು ನೀಡಿದ ಅವಧಿ: 1ವರ್ಷ** ಟೆಂಡರನಲ್ಲಿಯ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಪರತ್ತುಗಳ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು E-GOK ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪ್ಲಾಟ್‌ಫಾರಂನಲ್ಲಿ www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಶರ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯದಿಂದ ಖುದ್ದಾಗಿ ಅಥವಾ www.ankolatown.mrc.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.
ಸಹಿ/– ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ಪುರಸಭೆ ಅಂಕೋಲಾ ಸಹಿ/– ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಪುರಸಭೆ ಅಂಕೋಲಾ
DIPR/ADK/MCA/36/21-22 dt. 16.04.2021

Government of Karnataka
Karnataka Evaluation Authority
(ISO 9001 :2015 Certified Authority)
542, 5th Floor, 2nd Stage, MS Building, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru - 560 001. Phone: 080 - 22353938, 22032561
Fax: 22283541. E-mail: keagok@karnataka.gov.in;
Website: www.kea.karnataka.gov.in

No.: KEA 04 RFP (PROC) 2020 **Date: 17.04.2021**

NOTIFICATION

Seeking "Request for Proposal" (RFP) from eligible Evaluation Consultant Organizations to take up evaluation of studies under QCBS method of KTPP Act.

Karnataka Evaluation Authority (KEA) is a technical agency for guiding and overseeing the evaluation of all Public Policies, Programmes, Schemes, Boards, Urban and Rural Bodies and State undertakings in Karnataka. KEA intends to evaluate few schemes of the Government of Karnataka.

All the Evaluation Consultant Organizations (ECOs) who intend to apply must carefully go through all the sections of this RFP. Interested ECOs are requested to upload filled Technical and Financial Proposals as prescribed in the RFP along with the letters to the e-Procurement Portal website: **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** after downloading the required documents hosted in the same website. The applicants have to pay **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of Rs. 40,000/-** online which is refundable to non-selected ECOs.

The last date and time fixed for uploading the filled documents and to make the payment of EMD is on or **before 18-05-2021 at 17.30 hours.**

Sd/-
Administrative Officer
DIPR/DDU/SHIRD SAI/175/2021-22 **Karnataka Evaluation Authority**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public at large that we are investigating the receipts for payments made for Unit No PH4-25-0701 of Emaar Palm Hills, Sector 77, Gurugram (collectively "**Property**"). During the course of investigation it is represented to us that the below mentioned original receipts for payments made for the below mentioned property have gotten misplaced and till date the same is not traceable despite diligent search.

Sl Nos.	DESCRIPTION OF THE DOCUMENTS
1	18 Receipts amounting to Rs. 88,27,932 for payments made to Emaar India toward Unit no PH4-25-0701 in Emaar Palm Hills, Sector 77, Gurugram.

It is also informed that a police complaint has been lodged in this regard on 16th of April, 2021 vide lost report No. 095131/2021 before the Crime Branch, Bengaluru City Police station, recording the fact that the aforementioned Receipts have been lost / misplaced.

Any person finding the same is requested to hand over either to the undersigned..

Faiz Azim
H410, Raheja Residency,
Jakkasandra Block,
Koramangala,
17th April, 2021 **Bengaluru - 560034.**

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer -1 (Lakes), 3rd Floor, New Building, BBMP, N.R.Square, Bangalore-560002

No: EE-1(Lakes)/TEND/02/2021-22 Date : 15.04.2021

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Short Term Tender Notification) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer-1 (Lakes) BBMP, invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for works given in the table through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in). The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Instructions to Tenderers to qualify for award of the contract. Tenders must be accompanied by Earnest Money Deposit Declaration form as specified in the Tender Document as per G.O.No: FD 675 Expenditure-12/2020 Dated: 22.12.2020.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimate Value of Work (Rs. in Lakh)
01	Providing CCTV Camera to BBMP Developed Lakes	500.00

(1) Tender Documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from **16.04.2021. (2)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **16.00 hours on 30.04.2021 (3)** Pre bid meeting will be held on **22.04.2021 at 15.00 Hours, (4)** Technical Bids will be opened on **01.05.2021 at 16.30 hours.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer -1 Lakes.

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IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE 1ST ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C AT NELAMANGALA
C. MIS No.136/2021

BETWEEN: 1. Sri. Hanumantharaju S/o Late Henjarappa, **2. Smt. Gangamma** D/o Late Henjarappa, **3. Sri Linganna** S/o Late Henjarappa, **4. Smt. Shivamma** D/o Late Henjarappa, **5. Sri. Byaranna** S/o Late Henjarappa, All are R/at Hattuguntepalya, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk. ... Petitioners

And: The Thahasildar, Registrar of Births Death, Nelamangala Taluk. ... Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the Petitioner above named has presented Petition to this Hon'ble Court under Section 13(3) of Registration of Births And Deaths Act 1969 for order to direct the respondent authority to get enter the date of death of petitioners **father by name Henjarappa S/o Late Linganna @ Hanumaiah,** who died on **20.01.2019** at the petitioners house at Hattuguntepalya and order to issue death certificate of their father. The Hon'ble Court has fixed on **03.05.2021,** for hearing of the petition and that if any person/s desire to oppose the said Petition or claim or interest shall appear before the Hon'ble Court in person or by pleader duly instructed at 11 am failing which the said application will be heard and determined as exparte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on 09-04-2021.

By order of the court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of the Civil Judge, Junior Division and JMFC at Nelamangala.

Advocate for Petitioner: **JAYANNA**
Dadapeer Layout, Sondekoppa Road, Nelamangala town.

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And: The Thahasildar, Registrar of Births Death, Nelamangala Taluk. ... **Respondent**

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Whereas the Petitioner above named has presented Petition to this Hon'ble Court under Section 13(3) of Registration of Births And Deaths Act 1969 for order to direct the respondent authority to get enter the date of death of petitioners **grand mother by name Byaramma W/o Late Linganna @ Hanumaiah,** who died on **09-06-1999** at the petitioners house at Hattuguntepalya and order to issue death certificate of their Grand mother. The Hon'ble Court has fixed on **03.05.2021,** for hearing of the petition and that if any person/s desire to oppose the said Petition or claim or interest shall appear before the Hon'ble Court in person or by pleader duly instructed at 11 am failing which the said application will be heard and determined as exparte.

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UCO BANK

(A Govt. of India Undertaking)

Devanahalli Branch, Plot No-848/333/1, Sulebele Road, Shanthi Nagar, Devanahalli - 562110, Telephone: 080-27680817

CORRIGENDUM

With reference to the Vehicle Auction Notice published in this News Paper on 16.4.2021, the correct date of Auction to be read as **30.4.2021** and the correct last date for submission of all details along with EMD is **28.4.2021** before 2 pm. All other matter remain same.

Place : Bangalore — Authorized Officer
Date : 18.4.2021 — UCO Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri. K. CHANDRAPPA** son of Kanyappa, residing at No.276/1, Karnataka Sangha Road, Jalahalli, Bengaluru – 560 013, is intending to purchase the property more fully described under the schedule to this notice from its owner **Smt. R. SAVITHA** wife of Mr. Chikkahonnaiah, residing at #102, VishwanathaNilaya, 6th Cross, BSK 3rd Stage, 3rd Phase, Ittumadu, Bengaluru – 560085, for a valuable consideration.

Anybody who has/have got any claims whatsoever over the said schedule property may lodge their respective objections/ claims within **EIGHT** days from the date of publication of this notice to the undersigned. If no objections/claims received from anybody within **EIGHT** days of the publication of this notice then my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property and any objections/claims received subsequent to the above period will not be considered.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of residential site bearing No.175, carved out of Sy. Nos. 27, 28,and 29 of Challakere Extension within Arkavathi XIX Block, developed by The Bangalore Development Authority, measuring 6 x 9 meters totallymeasuring 54 Sq. Mtrs. And bounded on the:

East by : Road,
West by : Site No.179,
North by : Site No.174,
South by : Site No.176.

K. KRISHNASWAMY, Advocate
No. 21/2, 2nd Floor, 1st Main Road, Gandhinagar, Bangalore – 560 009.
DATE: 17.04.2021

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forest, BBMP, Annex Building - 3, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 02

No: DCF/'BBMP/Tender-92/2020-21 **Dated: 16.04.2021**

E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM

Detailed Short Term Tender Notification for Maintenance of Plants Grown at Nursery in the Oven Sacks Bags Size 8"x12"

The Tenders are invited under KTPP Act 2000 & 1999 from eligible and experienced contractors registered in Karnataka Forest Department/BBMP/Nursery Main Co-operative Society for the work of Maintenance of Plants Grown in Oven Sacks Size 8"x12" in the Jurisdiction of Various Zones of Bengaluru Forest Division, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike for the year 2020.

The detailed tender notification copy and blank tender forms may be availed in Website: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in More details can be availed from the Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forest, BBMP, Annex-Building-3, N.R. Square, Benglaure.

Aspired tenderers who does not have user ID and Password to participate in the tender details can be availed through www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

Schedule

Zone	Name of the Nursery	No.of Works	No. of Works & Details	No. of Physical Plants	Amount in Lakhs	EMD Amount	Period of Work
Mahadeva-pura	Dodda-basti	1	Maintenance of Plants Grown in Sacks Bags Size 8"x12"	80788	14.99	In accordance to Govt. Order Filled EMD Declaration form should be submitted	31.03.2022 from the date of work order
Yalahanka	Atturu	2	Maintenance of Plants Grown in Sacks Bags Size 8"x12"	52474	9.73		
R.R. Nagara	Mallatha-halli	3	Maintenance of Plants Grown in Sacks Bags Size 8"x12"	65000	12.06		
Bommana-halli	Koodlu	4	Maintenance of Plants Grown in Sacks Bags Size 8"x12"	85000	15.77		

Time Schedule

1	Pre-Bid Meeting	22.04.2021 at 3:30 pm
2	Last date for receipt of Tender	03.05.2021 Upto 5:30 pm
3	Date of Opening of Technical Bids	05.05.2021 at 5:30 pm
4	Date of Opening of Financial Bids	06.05.2021 at 4:00 pm
5	Period of Tender	31.03.2022 from the date of work order or further order

Sd/- Deputy Conservator of Forest

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CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

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I, **DEVINDRAKUMAR alias DEVINDRA KUMAR PANDIT,** S/o AnandRao Pandit, R/o 267, Sapthagiri Layout, MuthurayaNagar, Opp ISI, RV College Post, Bengaluru - 560 059, Karnataka, have changed my Name from **DEVINDRAKUMAR alias DEVINDRA KUMAR PANDIT** to **DEVINDRA A PANDIT,** vide affidavit dated 12.04.2021, sworn before notary L. Puttaraju, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **KAMMARA VENU GOPAL,** aged about 36 years, S/o Sreenivasachary Kammara, R/a No. 262, Room 8, 1st Floor, Chowdeswari Nilaya, Thubarahalli, Ramakondanahalli Post, Karur Vysya Bank, Whitefield, Bengaluru-560066, do hereby declare that my correct name is **KAMMARA VENU GOPAL** but in my passport my name has been mentioned as **VENU GOPAL** instead of **KAMMARA VENU GOPAL,** henceforth my correct name is **KAMMARA VENU GOPAL,** vide affidavit dated 17-04-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **GANESH GOWDA .M.V** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **JOHN STEPHEN,** Son of No. JC-332223K SUB MAJ K, Jayabalan, R/a #74/4, Thimma Reddy New Building, 14th Cross, Nagavara Palaya, C.V. Raman Nagar, Bangalore Pin 560093, have changed my name from **JOHN STEPHEN** to **J. JOHN STEPHEN** and DOB 03-04-2001, vide affidavit dated 16-04-2021, sworn before Notary **G. RAJENDRA,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) MOHSIN UR RAHMAN, S/o. Abdul Rahman, residing at No. 4, 3rd Cross, 2nd Stage, Austin Town Layout, Bengaluru-560047, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) ABDUL MOHSIN RAHMAN** vide affidavit Dated 17/04/2021 sworn before Notary N.Nagappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Smt. CHAITRA NAIK,** W/o Sri Gopinath Mujumdar, R/a No. C 005, "Gopalan Jewels", Doddakallasandra, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560062, have changed my name as **CHAITRA GOPINATH MUJUMDAR** W/o Gopinath Mujumdar, vide affidavit dated 29-03-2021, sworn before **CHITRA,** Advocate & Notary at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ANURADHA NEGI,** previously called **HEENA,** Aged about 23 years, D/o Kulwant, residing at Hanif Manzil, No.36, 4th Cross Road, Vivekananda Nagar, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'HEENA'** to **"ANURADHA NEGI",** Vide affidavit dated 17.04.2021 sworn before Advocate and Notary K.V. Mani, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I **Mrs. SUNITHA SRIKRISHNA,** W/o Mr. SRIKRISHNA V., aged about 51 years, permanent resident of No. A2, 103, Cauveri Block, National Games Village, Koramangala, Bangalore-560046, hereby state and publish that my son's name was entered as **SRINITH** to which I am adding the patronymic name **SRIKRISHNA** as a requirement for first and last name in most applications and government documents and hereinafter my son's name will be **SRINITH SRIKRISHNA** only, vide affidavit dated 17.04.2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary RAMESH KUMAR, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Sri SENGANI PARESHKUMAR AMRATLAL,** aged about 39 years, S/o Sri Sengani Amratlal Ramji, R/a No. 2, 1st Floor, 1st Block, Opposite Sangeetha Mobiles, Akshay Nagar, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bengaluru-560016, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SENGANI PARESHKUMAR AMRATLAL** to **SENGANI PARESH AMRATLAL,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SENGANI PARESH AMRATLAL** only, vide affidavit dated 16-04-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **K.C. CHOWDE GOWDA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I,**PRIYA PRABHAKAR KORTI,** Aged about 39 years W/o **Panyam Vuppu Vijaya Krishna,** R/at No.51, 13th main, 9th cross, Opp.Mukthidhama, Bank Colony, Srinivasanagar, Bengaluru-560050 have changed my name to **PRIYA PANYAM VUPPU** vide affidavit dated: 15/4/2021 Before Notary **P.N.Nagesha** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RAJESH POOJARI,** aged about 29 years, S/o Krishna Poojari, Permanent R/at No. 92-C, Hoskote House, Kergal, Kundapura Taluk, Udupi Dist-576219, have changed my name from **RAJESHA** to **RAJESH POOJARI,** vide affidavit dated 17.04.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary K.V. MANI, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I. **BASANTHI .M.H**(New Name), aged about 57 years, W/o Gulab Singh, R/a Sandeep, No. 23, 12th A Main, Muthyalamma Nagar, Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru-560054, have changed my name from **BASANTHI GULAB SINGH** (Old Name) to **BASANTHI .M.H** (New Name), vide affidavit dated 17-04-2021, before Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N,** Bengaluru.

REAL ESTATE

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MATRIMONIAL

Matrimonial Alliance is Sought For Punjabi Manglik Girl 28 Years (June 1992 Born) 5 Feet 4 Inches, M.Sc With B.Ed Employed In An International School Drawing Five Figure Salary Plus Other Amenities Near Udaipur Rajasthan. Father In Family Owned Enterprise Business In Delhi. Mother Employed As Senior Teacher in Govt. School, In New Delhi.

Compatible, Like Minded, Well Educated, Boy is Preferred. Qualified Doctors May Also Apply. Caste No Bar. Send Matrimonial Particulars of The Boy With Detailed Qualification & Profession, Photo, Horoscope & Other Related Details. Contact-9350076346.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **JINAL JAIN,** D/o. Mukesh, aged about 19 years, (DOB : 06-04-2002) Residing at No. 44, Middle Road, V.V. Puram, VTC Bengaluru South, P.O. Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004 have changed my name to **JINAL M JAIN** Vide affidavit dated 16-04-2021 sworn before Notary Veena Hadagali, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mr. GEORGE T A,** S/o Late Anthony .T, age about 65 years, R/a No. 368, A 2nd Cross, 1st Stage, V K Gokak Road, Kuvempu Nagar, Jalahalli East, Bangalore North, Bengaluru-560014, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ANTHONY GEORGE T** to **GEORGE T A,** vide affidavit dated 09-04-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S.R. RAVIKUMAR** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **M. KANAKA LAKSHMI,** D/o Marichamy , aged about 27 years, R/a No.21/3, Nagamma street, Gidappa layout, Kammanahalli, Bangalore-560084 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **KANAKA LAKSHMI .M** to **KATHLEEN GERMAIN .M** henceforth I shall be known and called as **KATHLEEN GERMAIN .M** only, vide affidavit dated 16.04.2021. sworn before Advocate and Notary **PRASAD SHETTY .K.B.** at Bangalore

AFFIDAVIT

I, **MUPPARAJU SRIKANTH,** S/o Srinivasarao, R/a No. 8, H. No. 122, H N Gopala Gowda, 2nd Cross, Hoodi Village, Mahadevapura, Bengaluru-560048, do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **MUPPARAJU ADIL** to **MUPPARAJU EESWAR,** in my son's birth certificate my name is mentioned as **M SRIKANTH** instead of **MUPPARAJU SRIKANTH** and my wife name as **PENTYALA RATNA SILPA RANI,** and my son name as **MUPPARAJU EESWAR,** vide affidavit dated 17-04-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G. RAJENDRA** at Bangalore.

BUSINESS TO BUSINESS

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PRIYA DAS,** W/o Mr. Vishal Dey, D/o Ajith Das, presently R/a No. 14/2, Jain Farm, Kodigehalli Main Road, Opp to Government School, Maruthinagar, Sahakaranagara Post, Bangalore-560092, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PRIYA DAS** to **PRIYA DEY,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **PRIYA DEY** only, vide affidavit dated 17-04-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L.B. ANASUYAMMA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **M. MALLIGA** Spouse of No. JC-332223K SUB MAJ K, Jayabalan, R/a #74/4, Thimma Reddy New Building, 14th Cross, Nagavara Palaya, C.V. Raman Nagar, Bangalore Pin 560093, have changed my name from **M. MALLIGA** to **J. MALLIGA** and DOB wrongly mentioned in all my husband's service record as 24-10-1973 instead of 17-09-1973, vide affidavit dated 16-04-2021, sworn before Notary **G. RAJENDRA,** Bangalore.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RAJKUMAR B.S.** S/o Siddagangaiah, aged about 46 years, R/a No. 13, Biragondanahalli Village, Devarahosahalli Post, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, at Bengaluru-562111, do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **VENKATALAKSHMI .B.R** to **LAKSHMI B.R.,** vide affidavit dated 16-04-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **K. RAMEGOWDA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **K. RUTH SHARON,** Daughter of No. JC-332223K SUB MAJ K, Jayabalan, R/a #74/4, Thimma Reddy New Building, 14th Cross, Nagavara Palaya, C.V. Raman Nagar, Bangalore Pin 560093, have changed my name from **K. RUTH SHARON** to **J. RUTH SHARON** and DOB 19-07-1999, vide affidavit dated 16-04-2021, sworn before Notary **G. RAJENDRA,** Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

(LOSS OF ORIGINAL SALE DEED)

It is informed to the public that my client **Mr. Rajappa,** aged about 65 years, S/o. Late Munisetty, Residing at No: 4, Maruthi Nilaya, 6th Cross, R.R. Temple Road, K.R.Puram, Bangalore – 560036, has sworn to an Affidavit before me on 05.04.2021 and filed a complaint with police, for having lost the original Absolute Sale Deed Document bearing No. 16097/2002-03, dated. 23.01.2003, stored in CD No: 69, Regd. in the office of the Sub Registrar, K.R. Pura, Bangalore, pertaining to property site bearing No: 24, in Khatha No. 230, portion of Old Property No. 46/4, situated at Hoodi Village, K.R. Pura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, presently under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 40 feet, North to South: 30 feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq. feet, while shifting the house and not to be traced.

The finders of the above original document are requested to return the same to my below-mentioned address within 7 days.

K.B. Sadha Shivappa,
Advocate & Notary,
Office at No: 300/2, Near Sri Ram Hospital, Opp: traffic Police Station, Old Madras Road, K.R.Puram, BANGALORE-560 036.
Mobile: 9845460976/ 9844078760
Date: 17-04-2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri. K. NAGENDRA PRASAD, S/o Sri.A.Krishna Murthy, **R/at Bangalore-86, intends to purchase PROPEWRTY from (1)Smt.N.POORNIMA,** W/o Sri. N.R. SHIVAKUMAR **(2)Smt.N.MAMATHA** W/o Sri.D.N.SURESH, Bangalore, **in respect of** property vacant bearing corner **Site No.606, in various Sy. Numbers of Nagarabhavi Village, bearing Sy.No. 17, 18/1 to 6, 20, 23, 30, 31, 32, 36/1, 37, 64, 71, 95, 96, 97, 98, 112(19), 135 to 137 (17) formed by Sri.Vinayaka Housing Building Co. Operative Society Ltd., Yeshawanthapura, Bangalore North Taluk., now comes under the limits of BBMP Khatha No.313, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Bangalore, measuring East to West 40-00 Feet, North to South 60-00 Feet, now coming under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.73,** and bounded on : East : by Ring Road, West by Site No.605, North by Road, South by Sties No.607 and 608. **If anybody has got right, title, power of attorney, power, minor claims, co-parsanary rights, ancestral rights, joint family property rights, or any objections or any types of claims may file their objections and claims along with relevant and evidentiary proof documents and documentary proofs to the undersigned within Ten (10) days from the date of publication of this notice.**

V.G. Manjunath. B.A. LLB., Advocate,
No.17/3, 1st Floor, T.N. Rangaiah Complex, Vidyanagara, Near Muthoot Finance, Tumkur Main Road, T.Dasarahalli, Bangalore-560057.
Mobile: 9620399285/9448533525
Place: Bangalore Date: 17-04-2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that our clients, **Smt. GANDIKOTA RAMANNA PADMAVATHI** W/o Sri. Javvaji Nagabhushana Reddy and **Mrs. JAVVAJI HONEY REDDY** W/o Sri. Dandu Subba Rao are intending to purchase the **"Schedule Property"** mentioned hereunder from **Mrs. RAJESHWARI** W/o Late.Mr.A.E.Karibasappa. Any Person/s, Banks, Financial Institution., etc. objecting for the proposed sale or having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the **"Schedule property"** are hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **07 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the advocate mentioned herein failing which our clients shall proceed and complete the Sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing **No.15/A,** Katha No.227, in property No.93/2, Situated at **Horamavu Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,** now comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Ward No.25, Bangalore, and Measuring East to West 25 feet and North to South 12 Feet in all Measuring **300 Square Feet,** along with a residential building standing thereon, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever attached underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: **East by : Road, West by : Site No.15, North by : Property belongs to Kodanda, South by : Road.**

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
Bangalore-560 043. Contact : 9845846428
Bangalore Date : 18-04-2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients intend to purchase the schedule property from **Smt . P. RAJAKUMARI,** D/o Late VS. Vaidyanathan, W/o Sri K Padmanabon, R/at Plot No. 50, First Cross Street, Chandrashekaran Avenue Thuraipakkam, Chennai-600 097 and **Smt. VIDYA RAJAKUMAR,** D/o. Late V.S. Vaidyanathan , Wo . Sri Muthuram Rajakumar, R/at No. 486, C.M.H. Road, Indiranagar I Stage, Bengaluru - 560 038

That if any person/s, Bank/s, Authorities has/have any claim over the schedule property and / or any objection for the transaction, they shall within **7 days** from today, shall register the same in writing together with documentary proof of the same with the under signed.

That if no objection or claims is registered with in the prescribed period, it will be deemed that the schedule property is free from all encumbrances, charges, objections and claims and my client has right to proceed with transaction to purchase the schedule property. If any objection or claim is lodged beyond the prescribed period it shall not be reckoned and it shall be deemed that all objections & claims by whomsoever are waived.

SCHEDULE

Property Now bearing Municipal No. 4/2, PID No. 6-19-4/2, (formerly portion of Property bearing Municipal New No. 4, old No. 1757), situated at **Temple Road, 1st Main Road, Malleswaram, Bangalore City,** measuring east to west : 38½ feet, north to south 25 feet, in all 962.5 Sq. feet, together with 5 feet common passage on North side and the construction thereon and the entire property bounded on :

East by : Property Now bearing Municipal No.4/1. **West by :** Property Now bearing Municipal No. 4/3. **North by :** 5 feet common passage and thereafter Property of late Krishna Rao, **South by :** Property of late D. K. Narasimhaiah.

DAYA SHANKAR, Advocate
R.No. 20, 3rd Floor, 199/200, Balaji Market, R.T. Street, Bangalore-560053. Cell No. 9845081939.

IN THE COURT OF THE ADITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-19)
P & SC. No.225/2021

Between: 1. Mrs.Arthi Chhabria Also known as Arti Jadeani D/o Late Mr.Suresh T Chhabria Aged about 37 years Resident of Apt 12 Palm Grove Manor, Norman Manley BLVD NEGRIL, Westmoreland, Jamaica

2. Mrs.Pooja Chhabria D/o late MR.Suresh T Chabria, Aged about 43 years Resident of Effico Mont Royale, Apt 105B, 5th floor, EL Cangreja, Panama, Panama City.

Both petitioners are represented by Special Power of Attorney holder Mr.Rajkumar T Chhabria S/o late Mr.Thakurdas Aged about 65 years, R/at #37, 2nd Main Road, Chakravarthy layout, Palace Cross Road, Bangalore -560020, Karnataka. **...Petitioners**

And: NIL ... Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS, the above named petitioners have filed the present Petition before this Hon'ble court under section 372 of Indian Succession Act for Grant "Succession Certificate in favour of the Petitioners with respect to the schedule petition. The petitioners are the legal heirs/children of late Mr.Suresh T Chhabria @ Suresh Chhabria @ Suresh Thakurdas Chhabria, who is the father of the petitioners and late Mrs Anju Chhabria, who is the mother of the Petitioners herein. The Father of thepetitioner in 10.08.2020 and the mother of the petitioners died on 25.07.2020 leaving behind petitioners herein as their legal heirs.

SCHEDULE

1. Monies held with Canara Bank, Vayalikaval branch under savings account No. 0417101045970 and in two fixed deposits under Senior Citizen savings Scheme (SCSS) Account No.SCSS0145000031 with cash deposit amounting to maturity value of Rs.12,00,000/- with a total interest amount of Rs.4,98,000/- and Senior Citizen saving Scheme [SCSS] Account No.SCSS0145000034 with cash deposit amounting to maturity value of Rs.3,00,000/- with a total interest amount of Rs.1,24,500/-

2. Monies held with Bandhan Bank, Malleswaram branch under saving account No.10180001765455 and fixed deposit of Rs.2,00,000/-

Interested parties are hereby called to appear in the court in person or by pleader duly instructed on **19-06-2021,** at 11.00 a.m. inform to show cause against petitioners failing which the appearance will be heard and declared as ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court, this .12.04.2021.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Address for service: **R.B. Mruthyunjaya Ms. Sowrabha.V.Besur,** Advocates
Off No.17, 1st Main Road, Srikantan Layout, High Grounds, Bangalore- 560001.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, DRT-1, AT BENGALURU, KARNATAKA

ORIGINAL APPLICATION No. 25/2020

Between:
BANK OF MAHARASHTRA,
By it's Authorised Officer ... Applicant
And
M/s. A.P KRISHNA ENTERPRISES and others ... Defendants

SUMMONS/ NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL(PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION :

1. Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an Application U/S 19 of the Recovery of The Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for the recovery of a sum of **Rs. 2,64,39,411/- (Rupees Two Crore Sixty Four Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Eleven Only)** together with current and future interest and other reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear and file written statement before this Tribunal at **10.30 am or** at such time immediately thereafter according to the convenience of **Tribunal on 14.07.2021** to answer the claim.

2. You can collect the copies of the application from The Debt Recovery Tribunal.

3. If you intend to file any documents, you may file the same with a list along with the written statement.

4. You should file your registered address and a memo of appearance when you enter appearance before the Tribunal either in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed.

5. Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day mentioned herein before, the proceeding will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the **8th day of April, 2021.**

Sd/-, Registrar,
Debt Recovery Tribunal

To,
1) M/s. A. P. Krishna Enterprises, No. 4C 1014, 1st Block, HRBR Layout, Bengaluru- 560043.
Represented by its Partners,
a) Sri. P. V Aneesh Kumar, S/o. C. V Balakrishna
b) Sri. K. Munisanjivappa, S/o. Krishnappa,
2) Sri. P. V Aneesh Kumar, S/o. C. V Balakrishna Residing at No. 7, Khatha No. 278/8, Kalkeri Village, Horamavu Post, Bengaluru- 560043.
3) Sri. K. Munisanjivappa, S/o. Krishnappa, Residing at 26/1 B, Jaraganahalli, J. P Nagara, 7th Phase, Bengaluru-560078.

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001.
E-Mail id : crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Ph :** 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following properties mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of the undermentioned security debts due to the Bank, together with further interest and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors mentioned herein below:

PART - 1

Name of the Borrowers: No.1) Mr. Pradyumna, S/o. Mr. S.D. Manjunatha, No.17, Akash Bhavan, 2nd Stage, Nagarabhavi, Near Vasan Eye Care, Malagala, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560 072. Also at:- Mr. Pradyumna, S/o. Mr. S.D. Manjunatha, Hosamane, Saragodu Kundur, Mudigere, Chickmangalur, Karnataka - 577 132. Also at:- Mr. Pradyumna, S/o. Mr. S.D. Manjunatha, No.44, Vigneshwara Layout, Second Main, Shettihalli Village, Karnataka - 560 044. Also at:- Mr. Pradyumna, S/o. Mr. S.D. Manjunatha, Unibic Foods India Pvt. Ltd., No.1134, Shriram Nivas, Fifth Floor, 100 Feet Road, Second Stage, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 038. Also at:- Mr. Pradyumna, S/o. Mr. S.D. Manjunatha, No.351, 15th Cross, Saraswathi Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 040. Also at:- Mr. Pradyumna, S/o. Mr. S.D. Manjunatha, Flat No.07, 22nd Main Vijaya Oasis, Ground Floor, Ittamadu, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 560 061. No.2) Mr. S.D. Manjunatha, S/o. Mr. Doddegowda, No.17, Akash Bhavan, 2nd Stage, Nagarabhavi, Near Vasan Eye Care, Malagala, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560 072.

Outstanding Liability Amount: Rs.59,95,922/- (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Two Only) as on **12-02-2020** plus accrued interest to be charged from **13-02-2020** plus other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors.

Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank	Reserve Price	Date & Time of Auction
(Property Owned by Mr. Pradyumna, S/o. Mr. S.D. Manjunatha) **Schedule - A:-** All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land vide conversion order BDS.ALN.SR(S) 229/2003-04, dated: 29-10-2003 by Special Deputy Commissioner in Sy.No.116/1, situated at Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, within BBMP limits measuring 1,01,227 Sq.ft. and Bounded on the:- North by - Road, South by - Private Property, East by - Private Property, West by - Manipal County. **Schedule - B:-** An undivided share of 509 Sq.ft. comprised in Schedule - A Property. **Schedule - C:-** Flat bearing No.A-606 in Sixth Floor of the building Complex known as Malibu Enclave being constructed on the Schedule - A Property consisting of 2 Bed Rooms having super built-up Area of 1,272 Sq.ft., with One Car Parking and Bounded on the:- North by - Flat No.603, South by - Corridor, East by - Driveway, West by - Staircase and OTS.	**₹ 38,00,000/-** (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Only)	**11-05-2021 at 01.00 p.m.**

PART - 2

Name of the Borrowers: No.1) Mrs. C.A. Sowmya, W/o. Mr. C.P. Appaiah, No.197, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross Street, Near Saibaba Temple, Koramangala 7th Block, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560 095. Also at:- Mrs. C.A. Sowmya, W/o. Mr. C.P. Appaiah, Flat No.104, 1st Floor, Neha Sadan, Sy.No.11, Ward No.192, Singasandra, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South - 560 068. No.2) Mrs. T.M. Saraswathy, W/o. Mr. T.M. Monnaiah, No.197, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross Street, Near Saibaba Complex, Koramangala 7th Block, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560 095.

Outstanding Liability Amount: Rs.54,07,590/- (Rupees Fifty Four Lakh Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety Only) as on **12-02-2020** plus accrued interest to be charged from **13-02-2020** plus other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors.

Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank	Reserve Price	Date & Time of Auction
(Property Owned by Mrs. C.A. Sowmya, W/o. Mr. C.P. Appaiah) **Schedule - A:-** All that piece and parcel of residentially converted vacant site bearing No.7, Old Khatha No.193, present Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike New Municipal No.730/253/ 254/11/7, formed out of the Residentially converted Survey No.11, situated at Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,192 Ward of BBMP, measuring East to West - 91.8 Feet, North to South - 103 Feet in all 9,455.4 Square Feet together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and Bounded on the:- East by - Private Property, West by - 30 Feet Road, North by - Private Property, South by - Krishnappa's Property. **Schedule - B:-** Apartment bearing No.104 in First Floor in the building Neha Sadan to be constructed on Schedule - A Property measuring 1,250 Square Feet of super built-up area containing 2 Bed Rooms, Hall Dining and Kitchen, one covered car parking along with proportionate share in common area such as Passages, Lobbies, Staircase, Lift excluding Terrace, contained with the Residential Apartment known as Neha Sadan to be constructed on Schedule Property as per building Specification (Annexure - 1) Property is Bounded on its sides as under:- East - Corridor, West - 103 Flat, North - Open to Sky, South - Corridor. **Schedule - C:-** 227 Square Feet of undivided share of right, title and interest in land of the Schedule - A Property.	**₹ 35,00,000/-** (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Only)	**11-05-2021 at 02.00 p.m.**

PART - 3

Name of the Borrowers: No.1) Mrs. C. Praveena, W/o. Mr. C. Ravindranath Reddy, No.86, 3rd Cross, 3rd Main, Annayappa Layout, Sarakki Village, JP Nagar 1st Phase, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560 078. No.2) Mr. C. Ravindranath Reddy, S/o. Mr. Mallikarjuna Reddy, No.86, 3rd Cross, 3rd Main, Annayappa Layout, Sarakki Village, JP Nagar 1st Phase, Bangalore, South Bangalore - 560 078.

Outstanding Liability Amount: Rs.69,45,519/- (Rupees Sixty Nine Lakh Forty Five Thousand Five Hundred and Nineteen Only) as on **12-02-2020** plus accrued interest to be charged from **13-02-2020** plus other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors.

Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank	Reserve Price	Date & Time of Auction
(Properties Owned by Mrs. C. Praveena, W/o. Mr. C. Ravindranath Reddy) **Schedule - A:-** All that piece and parcel of land bearing converted Sy.No.138/3, situated at Site No.200/1, in New BBMP Katha 1002/1199/1093/882/200/1, in Sy.No.138/3, situated at Sarvaboumanagar, Bilekahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West - 120 ft., North to South - 80 ft., Totally measuring 9,600 Sq.ft. and Bounded on:- East by - 30 Feet Road, West by - Private Property, North by - 30 Feet Road, South by - 30 Feet Road. **Schedule - B:-** An undivided 312 Sq.ft. share in the land comprised in the Schedule - A Property. **Schedule - C:-** All that piece and parcel of the Flat bearing No.403 in the Fourth Floor, in the Residential Apartment known as Neha Legend, to be constructed on the Schedule - A Property, consisting of Living, Dining and Three Bed Rooms, having super built-up area of 1,450 Sq.ft., equipped with Flooring, Sanitary, Electricity Wiring and Other Facilities with Car Parking Space in the Stilt Floor.	**₹ 52,00,000/-** (Rupees Fifty Two Lakh Only)	**11-05-2021 at 03.00 p.m.**

Venue of Re-Tender-cum-Auction : City Union Bank Limited, R.T. Nagar - Bangalore Branch, 590, HMT Layout, 4th Cross, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore - 560 032. Telephone No: 080-23337000, Cell No. 9342855177

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, R.T. Nagar- Bangalore Branch, 590, HMT Layout, 4th Cross, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore - 560 032. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon for PART - 1, on or before 01.00 p.m. for PART - 2 & on or before 02.00 p.m. for PART-3. (4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact: **Telephone No: 080-23337000, Cell No. 9342855177. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed Tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m. for PART - 1, 02.00 p.m. for PART - 2 & 03.00 p.m. for PART -3** properties on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the Sale will be by way of closed Tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an open auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed Tender process, and in such an event, the Sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of **City Union Bank Limited. (7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam
Date : 16-04-2021

Authorised Officer
City Union Bank Ltd.

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

As many as 186 votes of the total 548 were polled in Velachery's booth no 92 where re-polling was held on Saturday, said corporation officials. The voting took place from 7 am to 7 pm

It's Buddhist way, Tibetans in K'taka keep virus at bay

Of around 37,000 population, only 28 active Covid-positive cases; wearing masks compulsory inside all five settlements

As on April 15, 3,101 Tibetans in Bylakuppe, 850 in Kollegal and 2,032 in Mundgod settlements have been vaccinated | EXPRESS

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IN the middle of a raging second wave of the pandemic in Karnataka, the five Tibetan settlements have handled the surge rather well, in comparison to the rest of the State.

Of the around 37,000 Tibetans living in exile in these five settlements — two in Bylakuppe and one in Hunsur in Mysuru district, one each in Kollegal in Chamrajnagar district and Mundgod in Karwar district — there are only 28 active Covid-positive cases currently.

"There are four active cases in Bylakuppe, five in Mundgod, 18 in Hunsur and one in Kollegal settlements as of now," said Settlement Officer, Bylakuppe, Thupten Tsering. He is also holding the additional charge of chief representative, South Zone, Central Tibetan Administration (CTA).

"As on April 13, the two settlements in Bylakuppe ,with an estimated population of 19,000, had registered only 195 Covid-positive cases since the beginning of the pandemic last year. Out of these, there were five deaths and 186 were discharged. This year, we have had 14 cases in Bylakuppe out of which eight have been discharged. We have lost two people aged above 80 to the virus. Out of the four active cases in the Bylakuppe settlements, two are from Mysuru and the other two are colleges students from Bengaluru," added Tsering.

Explaining the control measures, which seem to have helped the Tibetans in Karnataka keep the second wave of the Novel Coronavirus in check, Tsering said that they did not open their monasteries inside the settlements for outsiders after the first lockdown was announced in March last year. "We were planning to open them, but when we got the news of the second wave, we decided to keep them shut. They, however, are open to Tibetan monks and nuns," he added.

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> Thupten Tsering, Settlement Officer, Bylakuppe

"Wearing masks is compulsory inside the settlements and most of our people, who are eligible for vaccine have been vaccinated. Besides, the traditional practice among Tibetans of having a glass of hot water first thing in the morning has also helped in keeping the virus at bay, along with observing Covid appropriate behaviour," said the Settlement Officer.

The Tibetan community has been active on the vaccination front. "As on April 15, 3,101 Tibetans in Bylakuppe, 850 in Kollegal and 2,032 people in Mundgod settlements have been vaccinated," added Tsering.

EXPRESS READ

Thrissur Pooram: It's no show for jumbo if first mahout tests positive

THRISSUR: Chances are that if the first mahout tests Covid positive, the elephant too might miss out on the Thrissur Pooram this year. However, if it's the second or third mahout who is infected, the jumbo will not have to withdraw, the district-level elephant monitoring committee has said. In a meeting on Saturday, the committee decided to make it mandatory for mahouts to carry a Covid negative certificate received after an RT-PCR test to attend the pooram, which has been scheduled for April 23. "Mahouts cannot be exempted from Covid protocol, as even a small oversight may lead to further spread of the virus," said Prabhu P M, assistant conservator of forests, Social Forestry. As many as 90 elephants will be taking part in the pooram, each of which will have three mahouts. **ENS**

GRIM SCENARIO

K'taka patients choke as oxygen supply gets scarce

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

"WE saw it happen in Italy, Spain and the UK, but never thought we would see a day like this in Bengaluru," said a 59-year-old former principal with tears in his eyes as he was asked to immediately get discharged from a private hospital, as they lacked a bed with oxygen facility.

This seems to be the norm at most hospitals in the state. The demand for medical oxygen has reached its peak as the number of critical patients has risen.

Most private hospitals witnessed a grim situation on Saturday, with hospital owners and doctors helplessly trying to convince patients to move to other facilities. Some put out video messages on social media requesting the State Government to immediately arrange for medical oxygen. Dr Vijay Raghav Reddy of Swastik Hospital, in a video, said, "I will be forced to shift all nine patients by evening... But I don't even know where to shift them as all places are running out of oxygen. We may soon see people die due to lack of oxygen."

At many hospitals, the sole criterion for admitting patients was the oxygen saturation level, which decided whether they get a bed or not. Though Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar has been saying that the state has enough oxygen facilities, the Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes' Association (PHANA) has written to him, pointing to an acute shortage of medical-grade oxygen and zero stock at some hospitals.

Patients dying in hospitals or ambulances without oxygen are being reported. Last week, two patients died due to non-availability of oxygen in and ambulance and beds in two hospitals in the city. PHANA president Dr Prasanna H M said the manufacturers have either stopped supply or are not responding to demands for more stock.

The association warned that the situation is alarming with hospitals being nearly full with government-referred and privately-admitted patients and the number of patients needing life-saving oxygen support shooting up.

A senior manager from oxygen manufacturer Air Water India said, "There is no problem with production. We produce up to 100 tonnes of medical oxygen per day. The problem is we have about 40 customers and all of them are big hospitals. Of late, there has been an increase in the number of dealers who supply oxygen to smaller hospitals. But they have run out of oxygen now due to huge demand and they don't have the production capacity."

Chief Secretary P Ravi Kumar, however, rubbished claims that there is a shortage of oxygen in the state. Also, Additional Chief Secretary, Health Department, Jawaid Akthar, promised PHANA that the government would look into the issue and ensure that medical oxygen is supplied, said Dr Prasanna.

Harsh Vardhan: No shortage of vaccines, oxygen, medicines

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

UNION Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan, in a high-level meeting with health ministers of 11 states, assured them that there is no shortage of vaccines, oxygen supply or Remdesivir injections, and states should now focus on creating bigger containment zones, known as 'community quarantine'.

"States must focus on bigger containment zones to change the strategy which could yield results," the minister told the health ministers, including Karnataka Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar, via video conference.

With Odisha and Andhra Pradesh flagging the issue of vaccine scarcity, Dr Vardhan said till now, the Centre has supplied 14.15 crore doses to all states and Union Territories, of which about 12.57 crore doses have been consumed. Another batch of 1.58 crore doses will reach the states in one week, he said. "I am quoting these numbers so there is no misconception about vaccine availability," he said.

A file picture of hospital staffers carrying oxygen cylinders | EXPRESS

Clarifying how the Centre supplies vaccines to states, he said large states get four days' supply together, while smaller states get seven days' supply. "So every fourth or seventh day, vaccines are being supplied," he said.

At present, there are over 18 lakh Covid-19 beds in the country, and states should strengthen the health workforce immediately, he said.

"We have been doing genome sequencing before the UK variant came to the world's notice. We have been doing everything required to bring the situation under control. This year, we have a vaccine to bolster our fight," Vardhan said, urging states to send more samples for genome sequencing.

Health officials present at the meeting said increasing supply of oxygen cylinders and Remdesivir, adding ventilator stocks and enhancing vaccine supply were issues raised by 11 states and UTs.

He urged states to give special focus to five or six prominent cities and map medical colleges to either these cities or adjoining two or three districts. The states were asked to seek out positive cases with the onset of early symptoms so that prompt and effective treatment can check deterioration of health, a statement from the health ministry said.

CRIME PATROL

Two held for peddling drugs

BENGALURU: Hulimavu police on Friday arrested two inter-state drug peddlers and seized 120.7 kg of marijuana worth Rs 54 lakh. They sourced drugs from Visakhapatnam and stored it in Krishnagiri, before smuggling it into the city and selling it to college students on Bannerghatta Road and Hosur Road. Radha Ravi (29), a construction labourer was caught, and police recovered 3.7 kg of marijuna from him, following which, Palani Velu (38) was nabbed.

Cops nab two for stealing bikes

BENGALURU: Byadarahalli police on Saturday arrested two people and recovered four stolen two-wheelers worth Rs 1.5 lakh from them. Ghouse Mohiddin (34) and Roshan Pasha (23) have been arrested. Police said the owner who had lost his scooter, noticed that one of the accused was using it in Peenya. He posted a picture of the bike on the police's social media account. The West Division police caught the accused during a random vehicle check.

The NWKRTC bus that damaged in the attack

5 held for attack on bus driver

MAHESH M GOUDAR @Bagalkot

THE Savalagi police arrested five for the alleged murderous attack on a NWKRTC bus driver on Friday.

The accused -- Mallappa Talwar, Chetan Karve, Sadashiv Kankanwadi, Lohit Dasar and Arun Arakeri -- are employees of North Western Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC), Jamkhandi depot.

Nabirasool Avati (59), an NWKRTC bus driver, was attacked when he was driving the bus back to Jamkhandi from Vijayapura in the afternoon near Kavatagi rehabilitation centre. He died instantly after suffering injuries when the miscreants threw stones at the bus.

"During interrogation, the accused confessed to the premeditated attack with an intention to create fear among the other employees working in the same depot," SP Lokesh Jagalasar told *The New Indian Express*.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY
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PH Circle, Kottayam

Karnataka State
The Executive Engineer, Shimoga Division, Shimoga
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Can money spent by IMA group on school be returned, HC asks govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Saturday asked the State whether the money spent by the IMA Group on building a government school can be returned or the school building attached. "Prima facie, we are of the view that investors' money cannot be diverted for building a school owned by the government," the court said.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Suraj Govindaraj made the observation after the Special Officer and Competent Authority in the IMA case, Harsh Gupta, wrote a letter to the government for refunding of Rs 12.82 crore spent by IMA Group for development of infrastructure at V K Obaidullah Government School in Shivajinagar, to save it from attachment. Gupta said the money can be used for settlement of a large number of claims.

The court also noted that the very purpose of the Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments (KPID) Act will be defeated if the government sticks to its stand of waiting till the CBI submits its final report, for attachment of properties owned by former minister R Roshan Baig.

The government completely ignored the power under the Act to attach properties and it has not considered a question whether any properties have been acquired by him out of depositors' money, the court added, while asking the state to re-examine its stand.

A file picture of a woman walking past IMA Jewellers in Bengaluru | EXPRESS

CBI to go on appeal in Nimbalkar case

The CBI's counsel informed the court that the agency will challenge the High Court orders quashing cases against IPS officer Hemanth Nimbalkar in the IMA scam, before the Supreme Court. The CBI will complete the investigation by the end of this month, he told the court.

VIVEKH'S COMEDY MADE US LAUGH AND THINK TOO, SAY FANS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

ACTOR Vivekh's demise has left thousands shattered as he is a household name in Tamil Nadu. He began acting as the main comedian in Tamil movies in the 90s and is still a popular name. The numerous memes featuring him and his dialogues on social media attest to his continuing popularity. Public say his brand of 'decent and non-discriminatory' comedy made his unique.

"For anyone who grew up in the 90s and 2000s, Vadivelu-Vivekh comedy tracks were an everyday topic of conversation. Vivekh sir had his own distinct style. He had a satirical approach that was laden with social commentary. This didn't just make us laugh, but also made us think," said 22-year-old fan of the actor Guru Nicketan. He further added that as a child who was still unaware of a lot of things, watching the actor's jokes against caste and superstition in the society helped him shape his opinions. His timing, spontaneity and intellect was an added bonus. The actor was a childhood hero for many.

Fans gather to pay their respects to actor Vivekh before his last rites, at Virugambakkam in Chennai on Saturday | DEBADATTA MALLICK

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OPINION

"Life is not perfect. It never will be. You just have to make the very best of it..." Graham Nash

COVID: EPIDEMIC OF WILFUL BLINDNESS

GRIEF, anger, frustration and cynicism are colliding in personal and public space — and the convergence has left millions afraid and alone, fearful and lonesome. The vignettes of angst and anxiety streaming onto mobile devices are vivid.

The magnitude of the surge and the resultant crisis is manifest in the data and the images. On Friday, India recorded 2, 34,692 cases and 1341 fatalities — that is 162 cases every minute and a death nearly every minute. To get a sense of the surge consider this: In just 60 days, the count of active cases has shot over ten times—from 1.38 lakh to 16.7 lakh between February 16 and April 17 and the death toll from 109 to 1,147.

How did we get here? Cognitive scientist Alexandra Horowitz observes "attention is an intentional unapologetic discriminator". India lost crucial management time as its governments simply took their eye off the ball to tend to political interests. Yes, there are new mutants and undoubtedly people let their guard down. And public behaviour was emboldened by the signals emanating from political leadership. The circumstance India finds itself in stems from the epidemic of wilful blindness afflicting governance.

THE THIRD EYE
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Critical to understanding how India landed in this crisis calls for unpacking the process of governance. The political class has much to answer for — and they must carry the cross. That said there is no reason to give a free pass to the Babudom which is tasked with the duty of dissent and obliged to guide public policy — as civil servants and as members of autonomous bodies — to ensure the well-being of citizens.

A parade of unstated and stated questions await answers. Take the timing and conduct of elections. Did the Election Commission consult the Health Ministry or the Covid Task Force on possible implications of campaign and polls given the backdrop of the pandemic? Did the EC have any discussion with the parties on mitigating possible consequences of mega rallies and opt for virtual campaigning??

The second issue which merits interrogation is the organisation of Kumbh Mela. Estimate suggest over 40 lakh persons took the dip in the Ganges. Did Uttarakhand and the Centre consult public health experts? It would be instructive to know if the Covid Task Force reviewed the plans. Faith is not subject to the statute of limitations but surely someone somewhere had considered the possibility of a surge given the density of pilgrims.

It has been argued that nobody saw the force of the surge. Sure, but did the EC or the government have a scientific basis to assume that a second wave was not on the horizon – in fact, case count was already on the rise between mid-February and the proclamation of the polls on February 26 and, of course, the inception of the Kumbh Mela. India's public health literature is replete with instances of mass events followed by epidemics. Indeed the Epidemic Diseases Act deployed to manage Covid19 requires governments to take steps "necessary to prevent the outbreak of such disease or the spread thereof".

The Pandora's box has been ripped open. Hope now rests on acceleration of vaccination. Again the ministry and the 'experts' have muddied the process with obduracy and left the promise in a muddle. There is the question of poorly designed procurement of vaccines — for instance why has the procurement of Covishield been so adhoc? Last week the government opened up vaccine imports, but there is no clarity on why this couldn't be done earlier. The needless confusion over price controls has impacted expansion of capacity and output — there is no inherent contradiction in government giving vaccines free to those it wants and the private sector charging those who can pay. Enabling the entry of global vaccines would have propelled 'atmanirbhar' manufacturing and expanded India's footprint in the supply chain.

The consequences of mis-steps are yet panning out – in poll-bound states and in the wake of pilgrims returning from the Kumbh. Already five states have initiated the first step of Maharashtra's 'Misal Model' — night curfews followed by weekend closure followed by 15-day curfew. The feel good factor triggered by the budget and optimistic GDP forecasts now face clear downside risks.

The concept of wilful blindness owes its etymology to 19th century jurisprudence. Persons/entities are responsible to know that which could be known and that which should be known. Usually applied in criminal and corporate law, the principle is applicable to those charged with governance too.

CREMATIONS DON'T MATTER WHEN PM-CARES

POINT OF VIEW
T J S GEORGE

TWO contrasting scenes of shame hit India last week. One was people dying in Ahmedabad in numbers the crematoriums could not handle. Where 20 bodies were the norm in the past, 80 were arriving due to Covid. Surat's biggest crematorium used to attend to 30 bodies a day. Now it was forced to cremate 110 a day. (There were reports that the state was hiding death rates.) A body now has to wait for a minimum of eight hours before it can get a pyre. As a result, many cremations are taking place in open areas, violating principles of both religion and sanitation.

The other scene that should make everyone think again and again was the massive assemblage of people for the Kumbh mela. The authorities curtailed the mela's duration from four months to one this time. Despite this sensible move, some 31 lakh people gathered in Haridwar. Bathing dates saw crowds mingling with no concern for Covid. Faith is an integral part of Indian lives and there is nothing wrong with that. But we need to realise that there is no abrogation of faith in observing health protocols. The Haridwar DM said, "We are asking people to wear masks but ensuring social distancing in this very small area is a really challenging task." Forget social distancing; not a single mask could be spotted in the many pictures of the mela that went around.

Official figures show Haridwar saw a surge in cases since April 1 when the Kumbh began. But not all officials are worried. Some, in typical bureaucratic style, took things lightly. Uttarakhand DGP went to the extent of declaring that "data shows that Kumbh is not a super spreader."

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Good that he didn't describe Kumbh as a healer of Covid.

Each passing day is underlining the dangerous dimensions of the spreading pandemic. On April 14, as many as 1,84,372 new Corona cases were registered within a span of 24 hours, a record single-day rise. During those 24 hours, the country also registered 1,027 fatalities, pushing total Covid deaths to 1,72,085.

Those figures have been impacting India and its people in different ways. At one level, New Zealand banned Indians from entering that country. At another level, many states were forced to introduce restrictions reminiscent of the lockdown days. Maharashtra announced a 15-day statewide curfew. It also asked the Air Force to help transport oxygen supplies to the state. In Bangalore, a Covid patient could get a bench only outside hospital to lie down.

Perhaps, there is some kind of poetic justice in the depressing events in Gujarat. As the home state of a prime minister as powerful and assertive as Narendra Modi, Gujarat should have been a model state by now. But in many ways, it is a miserable state. Why, for example, did open-field cremations take place in Surat and Ahmedabad? How did Gujarat end up with more unemployment and bigger crime rates than several other states? Why does it have an upside-down kind of existence: Life is hard at the base level for people while celebration is glorious at the top level for the VIP class. The Motera Stadium turned Vallabhbhai Patel Stadium turned Narendra Modi Stadium looks more magnificent than any stadium anywhere. Its colour scheme alone is enough to mark it out as the world's brightest and most glamorous tribute to cricket. Actually the tribute to cricket is only incidental. Motera turned Patel turned Modi is in reality a tribute to politics. Don't fail to notice that it was the great Sardar Patel's name that was removed to make way for Narendra Modi's. And don't fail to notice that Amit Shah's son Jay is the master of the stadium. Power does not speak Hindi any longer.

Come to think of it, Gujarat becoming a victim of migrant influx, rising unemployment and growing crime rates is a commentary on Modi's leadership scorecard. Chief Minister three times in a row, he could have stabilised the economy at least to the level that keeps South Indian states relatively steady. Just as he didn't care much about the state he ruled as CM, he doesn't seem to care too much about the country he rules as PM. In recent weeks, he was more concerned about the Bengal elections than about the Corona waves. It is clear that Narendra Modi is essentially a public relations persona. Winning applause in the maidan is what matters, not the nitty-gritty of administration. An orator is different from a managerial professional. And it's a big difference.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

He led a generation of patriots from the front.
He made us proud of our yesterdays.
He remains the guiding light of our tomorrows.

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POLITICAL power pivots on mission with vision. When Election Commission's mission is omission, emissions of doubt cloud people's faith in democratic institutions. Individuals acquire stature by adhering to institutional ideals in letter and spirit. The Constitution has created numerous institutions to strengthen its democratic foundations. The EC was established to ensure free and fair elections for elected representatives to enjoy the genuine mandate of the people.

Seventy-four years after Independence, the national electoral body is not only a subject of ridicule; its each and every decision is questioned by Opposition parties, the media and voters. Its base seems to be shaken by the very same individuals entrusted with maintaining its impartial credibility. Some of them, through compromisingly casuistic conduct, have almost written its obituary. The EC is now the Institution for Omissions.

As the cloud of controversy casts its shadows on EC's own code of conduct, the shining example of TN Seshan, its 10th Chief Election Commissioner, comes to mind with reverent nostalgia. A Rajiv Gandhi favourite, he was appointed by the Chandrashekhar government in December 1990. Seshan forced politicians and political parties to respect his authority. Former Tamil Nadu CM J Jayalalithaa called him arrogant. Political leaders feared and respected him because he enhanced the institution's esteem. He was the only CEC who refused to conduct elections unless his direction to create photo IDs for voters to block bogus ballots was obeyed. He ensured that all political parties followed the model code of conduct, ordered the audit of their accounts, used video cameras to record campaigning and banned the use of religious places for stump speeches.

The Seshan Charter for free and fair elections ensured disqualification of 1,500 candidates during the 1999 Lok Sabha elections. During his six-year term, Seshan reviewed 40,000 poll expenditure details and disqualified 14,000 aspirants for filing false information. He cancelled elections in Bihar and Punjab citing the fear of violence after Rajiv's assassination; he did not bother to consult the Prime Minister. The citation of his Ramon Magsaysay Award 1996 read, 'He exposed politicians who made illicit use of public resources for electioneering and prohibited election-eve bonanzas for government workers. He banned the sale of liquor and seized unlicensed firearms at election time. He prohibited election propaganda based on religion.' Of the 24 CECs since Independence, T N Seshan was the only one who completed a full term of six years.

Twenty-five years later, the EC is a mute spectator of its own destruction. Over the past decade, its chiefs have wittingly or unwittingly been puppets of the Centre, behaving like one of the numerous government HODs. EC has performed disastrously in acting against criminal candidates and compelling contestants to stick to the Code of Conduct. Its heads assumed that ruling leaders would be happy with biddable behaviour. True, politicians of every colour would love a cowering EC since they cannot afford to be on the wrong side of an assertive poll body. Unfortunately, it is the compromised character of EC leadership that has vitiated the credibility of the election process.

More disconcerting is the fact that the immense powers carved out by Seshan are being misused to impose odiously unjustifiable actions. For example, Seshan introduced multi-phase elections to prevent booth capturing, and deployed central police forces judiciously. Now the same mechanism is used to gratuitously prolong the voting process and allow the unhindered display of muscle and money power by candidates from all parties: though the violence is relatively less, the violation of laws is high. Instead of using technology and resources to simplify the election process, the EC has created a system where the administrative machinery is paralysed by the code of conduct's whimsy every year.

The current round of Assembly elections would be completed only in 12 weeks from the poll declaration date to the announcement of results. Such an extended schedule not only allows the misuse of official machinery but also empowers parties to spend indecent amounts of money. The EC is a haplessly helpless spectator to the shenanigans of powerful politicos addressing colossal crowds and road shows without either observing COVID-19 protocols. Going by the latest data, the number of patients rose by almost 400% in these states, where most star campaigners became Covid positive.

Rattled by mounting criticism, the EC rationalised the campaign timings during the remaining three rounds in Bengal. Since the EC takes over the entire law and order machinery during the elections, Nirvachan Bhawan has never even issued a warning to such defiant leaders. It only selectively chastised netas who employed religious tools and made objectionable speeches.

EC's degeneration has much to do with the choice of individual leaders. The just-retired Sunil Arora, an IAS officer from Rajasthan cadre, had a reputation for utmost efficiency. He was Chairman and MD of Air India. He served under two chief ministers. He had retired as Information Secretary and was later accommodated as advisor to Prasar Bharati. A few months later, he was made Director General and CEO of the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs in 2016 and is one of the rare babus who were summoned from retirement to be the Election Commissioner. It was on Arora's watch that the 2019 general elections and over a dozen Assembly polls were held. It was also during his tenure of less than three years when the EC's stature received the maximum beating.

The period between Seshan and Arora saw the rise, rise and ultimate fall of a once great democratic institution. Successive CECs have undoubtedly managed many difficult elections and protected political stability. But the EC's éclat for fair play and justice has been stained by self abasement. It has by ductile performance damaged the standing of individuals it aims to benefit. The vote must go to institutions that survive individuals and not perceived to be serving them. Arora and his ilk in the past by their visible vulnerabilities have proved beyond doubt that even the mighty institutions collapse under light weights.

Since half a dozen retired CECs were rewarded with plum posts after their retirement, perhaps future allurements have immensely contributed to the rotten state in which EC finds itself. For a better New India, institutions like the EC must protect the sanctity of the Constitution.

QUOTE CORNER

We are very willing to work with like-minded countries, including the US, to jointly safeguard the peace and stability of the Indo-Pacific and deter adventurous manoeuvres, provocations

Tsai Ing-wen, Taiwan president

We told (Putin) that we would shortly be responding in a measured and proportionate way because we concluded that they had interfered in the election and SolarWinds, was totally inappropriate

Joe Biden, US president

Either we are part of an alliance like NATO and also make our contribution to strengthen this Europe, or we have only one option; to rearm ourselves.How else could we guarantee our defence?

Andriy Melnyk, Ukraine ambassador to Germany

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Choose right candidates

It appears political parties gift away MP-ship or MLA-ship to non-political celebrities for publicity rather than performance. It's also a reward for the latter's patronising the party. Kerala CPM's nomination of a journalist to the Rajya Sabha could only be one such decision. Such representatives tend to divide their time between politics and their profession. Why do we need such half-hearted people in Parliament/legislature ? Can we as a nation afford this luxury and waste of resources? Such moves and compromises betray leadership bankruptcy in a party.

P Mangalachandran, Kannur

Bail out Myanmar

The column 'The quagmire Myanmar is caught in' (Apr 17), should be an eye opener for the world community apart from the statesmen lolling around. The world leaders have always been intoxicated in boundless and deep geo-political dominion, thus creating genesis of perpetual conflict zones. They go such blind drunk as if power hegemony is the only agenda, belittling and rather disregarding their responsibilities to uphold the skill of statesmen for the common and basic benevolence of the universe. It is high time the world leaders think for the hapless people of Myanmar.

AM Chakravarty, Hyderabad

Give women their due

This has reference to the news 'Qualified woman can't be denied job citing night duty'. Women's employment have undergone a sea change in the last decade. We see that what was considered men's bastion in many working sectors earlier has seen the advent of women. Even in our air force, women are combat pilots and many are squadron leaders. The Kerala High court has very aptly prevailed upon Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd to appoint Treasa Josefine who got the right qualifications and eligibility criteria for the post of safety officer. On the one hand, we claim equality of sex and then we find excuses to deny opportunity to them.

K Jayanthi, Chennai

Go for single-phase polls

The EC should take extraordinary decisions during the present Goliath-like pandemic situation. Mamata's suggestion for clubbing the remaining phases of polling is pragmatic. It's not the time for winning elections but saving the precious lives of voters. How can Modiji be so hard and immune to loss of lives caused by the second wave? Shouldn't he appreciate his adversary's pragmatism and go for it?

K Nehru Patnaik, Vizag

EC should show spine

This has reference to the news 'EC bans rallies from 7 pm to 10 am in Bengal'. It seems the EC played a safe game by announcing the curfew duration from 7pm to 10am which will not displease the political parties who are on a tearing hurry to conduct campaigning. It is daytime that is crucial and vulnerable for spreading. As said by CPI(M) leader Sitaram Yechury, the ban is rather convenient for the campaigners. It shows the EC is not wholly autonomous.

S Arjun Prasanna, Bengaluru

Kudos to Supreme Court

Cheque return cases that come to courts usually involve high value and the respondents are people at high places. Readers are shocked to read that tinsel world celebrities are the respondents in many cases. While those returned the cheques feel sheltered and indemnified under the umbrage of our snail paced legal system, the petitioner undergoes mental agony. It is commendable that the Supreme Court has decided to fast track cheque bounce cases. CJI SA Bobde has taken a laudable decision by issuing directives to high courts to set the ball in motion so that the deceivers will have to cough up at the earliest . This will considerably reduce the work of courts and the inordinate delay to the affected parties.

R Sridharan, Chennai

Poll violence in Bengal

Going by the level of poll violence taking place in Bengal, one cannot but fully agree with the Election Commission's decision to have an eight-phase poll schedule in the state. Once, the insurgency-ridden north eastern states were considered most troublesome. Now it is Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore's Bengal.

Geetha B K, Mangaluru

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Piyush Goyal @PiyushGoyal
Maharashtra is suffering from an inept & corrupt government & the Centre is doing its best for the people

Jairam Ramesh @Jairam_Ramesh
First equation of Entire Political Science. Super Arrogance + Super Incompetence = Super Spreader

Tejashwi Yadav @yadavtejashwi
Even after managing the corona for one year and spending thousands of crores, the situation in Bihar has deteriorated rather than improving

FATALITIES

INDIA'S HIGHEST SINGLE DAY DEATH TOLL

1,341

TOTAL DEATHS

1,75,649

FATALITY RATE IN THE COUNTRY

1.21%

FRESH CASUALTIES

MAHARASHTRA	398
DELHI	141
CHHATTISGARH	138
UTTAR PRADESH	103
GUJARAT	94
KARNATAKA	78
MADHYA PRADESH	60
PUNJAB	50
TAMIL NADU	33
RAJASTHAN	31

ACTIVE CASES IN THE COUNTRY

16,79,740

79.32%

10 STATES AND UTS ACCOUNT FOR 79.32% OF NEW CORONAVIRUS CASES IN THE COUNTRY: Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan

TOP THREE

65.02%

Of India's total active cases are in Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala

Pharmas slash Remdesivir prices in the country

New Delhi: Following an appeal by the Centre to the Remdesivir manufacturers not to charge more than ₹3,500 per vial in India, drug makers on Saturday slashed the price of the injection that has emerged as a key experimental therapy for moderate to severe Covid-19. It will now cost ₹899-3,490 per 100 ml vial

11 states asked to create containment zones

At review meeting with states reporting highest surge, health minister reiterates there is no vaccine shortage

Ambulances with Covid-19 patients queue up outside a hospital in Ahmedabad | PTI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

UNION Health Minister Harsh Vardhan on Saturday asked 11 states reporting the highest surge in Covid-19 cases to create large containment zones for achieving community quarantine to reduce the aggressive rate of virus transmission.

At a review meeting, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Rajasthan, Gujarat, West Bengal and Tamil Nadu were also asked to pay special focus on the prominent five-six cities facing the highest burden of cases and map medical colleges to either these cities or adjoining two-three districts.

India is currently reporting the sharpest growth rate of 7.6 per cent in new Covid cases, which is 1.3 times higher than the case growth rate of 5.5 per cent reported in June last year. This is leading to an alarming rise in the daily number of active cases, which currently stand at 16,79,000 while there is also a sharp growth of 10.2 per cent in the number of deaths.

All the 11 states have already crossed their highest reported daily case threshold with some districts like Mumbai, Nagpur, Pune, Nashik, Thane, Lucknow, Raipur, Ahmedabad and Aurangabad also following the same pattern, said Vardhan.

Amid reports of shortage of ventilators and medical oxygen, the Union minister assured a fresh supply of the life-saving machines: 1,121 ventilators will be given to Maharashtra, 1,700 to UP, 1,500 to Jharkhand, 1,600 to Gujarat, 152 to MP and 230 to Chhattisgarh.

He also said there will be no shortage of vaccines, pointing out that the total consumption of vaccines so far, wastage included, has been approximately 12.57 crore against the 14.15 crore doses provided by the Centre. About 1. 58 crore doses are still available with the states, while another 1. 16 lakh more doses are in the pipeline, to be delivered by next week.

The issues of augmenting the supply of oxygen cylinders, stepping up the supply of drug Remdesivir in hospitals, adding to the ventilator stock and enhanced supply of vaccine doses were raised by almost all states.

The Delhi government requested additional beds in central government hospitals as was done in 2020 to help tide over the emergent health crisis.

Maharashtra is restricting oxygen supply to MP: Officials

BHOPAL: Madhya Pradesh officials have accused Maharashtra of restricting the supply of oxygen concentrators to the state at a time when such supplies are needed the most to save Covid patients.

"The Maharashtra government is pressuring oxygen concentrator manufacturers not to send supplies to our state. We had already placed orders with those manufacturers," senior officials said, adding that "the state government has procured 2,000 concentrators. We're waiting for 650 more. State districts too have procured around 1,300 more concentrators".

"MP is fast returning towards normalcy when it comes to oxygen supply. Against the present oxygen consumption of 335 metric tonnes, we're getting 350 metric tonnes daily. By April 20, we'll be getting 445 metric-tonne supply daily and with Centre's help, we'll be getting 565 metric tonnes daily by April 25 and 700 metric tonnes daily by April 30, which would be adequate for the expected number of patients by the month end," sources said.

Sena says PM inaccessible, BJP junks it as gimmick

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mumbai/New Delhi

POLITICAL slugfest continues, with blame game going on over the shortage of medical oxygen and critical medicines in Maharashtra. Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray dialled the PMO on Friday evening and his office said he was yet to get a call back. With Thackeray suggesting that the PM was busy with West Bengal elections, Union Minister for Railways Piyush Goyal levelled allegations of 'political gimmick' against the Shiv Sena supremo.

The Maharashtra CMO confirmed that Thackeray had called the PMO to apprise Modi of the fast-depleting stock of medical oxygen and Remdesivir injections. "We are still waiting for a call back from the PM while it's Saturday evening now. The CM had sent two letters to the PM on shortage of oxygen and Remdesivir," said a source in Maharashtra CMO.

Goyal took to the Twitter to slam Thackeray. "He (Thackeray) needs to stop his daily dose of shameless politics and take responsibility," stated Goyal, adding that the Centre is working with all stake-holders to ensure maximum oxygen production in the country, which currently is at 110 per cent of the capacity.

The NCP joined in, with state minister Nawab Malik alleging that the Central government is indulging in dirty politics. He claimed the Centre is threatening 16 Remdesivir manufacturing companies to not supply the drug to Maharashtra.

"If they supply Remdesivir to Maharashtra, their licence will be cancelled," Malik said. Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya accused the NCP legislator of speaking "half truths and lies".

TAKING STOCK

Use medicines according to guidelines: PM

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URGING caution, the Prime Minister directed officials to ensure that the use of Remdesivir and other medicines was consistent with the approved guidelines.

Later, the prime minister ordered speeding up works on plants to address the shortage of medical grade oxygen. "The officials said that one lakh cylinders are being procured and they will be supplied to states soon. A supply mapping plan for 12 high-burden states till April 30 has also been undertaken," added the PMO.

After PM appeals, Akhada ends Kumbh participation

VINEET UPADHYAY @ Dehradun

AN influential akhada on Saturday announced that it is concluding its participation in the Mahakumbh after Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged for curtailment of the religious event in view of the surge in Covid infections.

"Our people and their safety is our priority. In the wake of view of the worsening outbreak of the pandemic, we have performed ritual immersion of all the deities. This is conclusion of the Kumbh for Juna Akhada," tweeted Swami Avdheshanand Giri, Mahamandaleshwar of Juna Akhada, the most influential akhada among the 13 akhadas.Some akhadas still plan to go ahead with a symbolic Shahi Snan on April 27. Swami Avdheshanand said no one announced the conclusion of Mahakumbh. "Main Shahi Snans have ended and we should keep the event symbolic."

Earlier, the PM said he spoke to Swami Avdheshanand and requested him to keep the event symbolic in view of the Covid surge. "We support the Prime Minister's appeal and now the Kumbh is symbolic. We appeal our devotees not to travel to Haridwar in big numbers. We can notice the numbers have already shrunk," Swami Avdheshanand said.

"We have been volunteering for tests to ensure that the infection does not spread. I too have been tested 12 times."

Har Ki Pauri Ghat in Haridwar saw a drop in the number of pilgrims on Saturday | PTI

SOUTHERN COMFORT

ANDHRA PRADESH
BEDS: 11,194 (available)
OXYGEN: No shortage

TELANGANA
BEDS: 26,823 (available)
- Oxygen consumption has doubled to 2.4 MT per day
- Plan to stop industrial use of oxygen
- Hospitals told to rationalise oxygen use only for critical cases

TAMIL NADU
BEDS: 69,000 (available)
OXYGEN: No shortage
- Tamil Nadu has an oxygen capacity of 1,167 kilo litres and close to 90% of it is available

KERALA
BEDS: 7,745 (available)
OXYGEN: No shortage

KARNATAKA
BEDS: 23,176 (available)
OXYGEN: No shortage

ODISHA
BEDS: 5,000 (available)
OXYGEN: No shortage
- Stocking up oxygen 10 times the current availability of 231 MT

'Centre must give enough vaccines'

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BRINGING the supplies by road will take a long time, besides the quantity of oxygen would not be up to the desired level. "Therefore, we request the Centre to allow us to bring oxygen by railways. The Centre should also provide us adequate stocks of vaccines so that we can vaccinate at least eight lakh people daily," Tope added.

The state government has already approached the Centre with a slew of demands, including the availability of oxygen cylinders and Remdesivir.

Colossal mismanagement by govt, slams Congress

Fearing lockdown, migrants board buses in Gurugram to return home | PTI

NEW DELHI: The Congress on Saturday launched an all-out attack on the Centre over the handling of the pandemic, accusing it of "colossal mismanagement", and cautioned of an "unprecedented catastrophe" unless urgent corrective measures are taken.

The party also charged PM Narendra Modi with "shocking callousness" for addressing rallies in poll-bound West Bengal "instead of staying in Delhi" to handle the situation. The highest decision-making body of the Congress, chaired by party chief Sonia Gandhi, met here virtually to discuss the situation in the country and suggest measures to the government to tackle the crisis.

Accusing the Modi government of "gross unpreparedness" and "adhocism" in managing the crisis, Congress president Sonia Gandhi suggested reducing the immunisation age to 25 years, especially those with co-morbidities, and providing income support to people. At the meeting of the Congress Working Committee (CWC), she also called for making all equipment, medicines and instruments required for treating Covid-19 free of the GST. Addressing a press conference after the meet that lasted over two-and-a-half hours, Congress' senior spokesperson P Chidambaram said concrete suggestions made by CWC members would be sent to Prime Minister Narendra Modi through a letter by former PM Manmohan Singh.

On allowing the Kumbh Mela to proceed, former Union minister P Chidambaram said the damage has been done.

"Locking the stable after the horses have bolted. All economic indicators presented a grim picture, and a lockdown will further worsen the situation," he added. *ENS*

The Covid situation has become dangerous. The PM should now stop his political programmes, rallies and road shows
Ashok Gehlot. Rajasthan CM

All district collectors have been asked to enforce checking on Kumbh Mela returnees to prevent their entry into hometowns without undergoing an RT-PCR test
Vijay Rupani, Gujarat CM

Shocking that while Covid ravages India, from being a vaccine exporter, it has been compelled to become a vaccine importer undoing 70 years of govt effort
Priyanka Gandhi, Congress leader

5.75 lakh
IS THE NUMBER OF ACTIVE CASES IN MAHARASHTRA

India assures assistance to US shooting victims' kin

NEW DELHI: External Affairs Minister **S Jaishankar** on Saturday assured all possible assistance to the families of the victims of Thursday's shooting in Indianapolis in the US.

At least eight people, including four Sikhs, were killed and five others were left injured in a mass shooting at a FedEx facility in Indiana. "Deeply shocked by the shooting incident... Victims include persons of Indian American Sikh community. Our Consulate (in Chicago) is in touch with the Mayor and local authorities in Indianapolis as well as the community leaders. Will render all possible assistance," he tweeted.

Jaishankar's remarks come after the Indian Embassy in Washington said its consulate in Chicago was in touch with local authorities as well as leaders of the community. The Sikh victims were identified as Amarjeet Johal (68), Jaswinder Kaur (64), Jaswinder Singh (68) and Amarjit Sekhon (48). Indianapolis Police chief Randal Taylor said a significant number of workers at the FedEx processing centre are from the Sikh community. The gunman is a former employee of FedEx.

The Consul General has spoken to the Mayor of Indianapolis, who has assured full support. We are closely monitoring the situation and remain ready to provide all possible assistance — Indian embassy in US

Boundary dispute a reality, must get sufficient attention: Chinese envoy

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @ New Delhi

CHINESE ambassador to India Sun Weidong on Saturday said both the countries should 'unswervingly' stick to the consensus reached by the leaders, complement each other instead of undercutting along with intensifying cooperation instead of harbouring suspicion at each other.

Speaking virtually at the opening ceremony of the 7th CPIFA-ICWA Dialogue, the Chinese envoy said, "We need to correctly understand and view each other to avoid any strategic miscalculation. We should enhance mutual trust through dialogue, and implement consensus through actions to bring China-India ties back on the right track of sound and steady development."

"However, it does not mean pursuing a 'closed-door' development. We should embrace openness and inclusiveness. The economies of China and India are highly complementary and the essence of bilateral cooperation is mutually beneficial. We hope that India could provide a fair, transparent and non-discriminatory business environment for Chinese companies, instead of 'erecting walls' or pursuing 'decoupling,'" he said.

He added, "The boundary dispute is a reality and should be given sufficient attention and taken seriously. However, the boundary question is not the whole story of China-India relations and should be put at a proper place in the overall bilateral ties. The two sides should engage in dialogue on an equal footing, manage differences and find solutions through consultation. We should not allow differences to become disputes," he added.

As two developing countries, Weidong said, China and India share common interests in multilateral affairs. The two sides should strengthen policy coordination in the UN, G20, BRICS, SCO, China-India-Russia cooperation and other multilateral institutions, and play an active role in pandemic prevention and control, development and poverty reduction, energy security, climate change, environmental protection, food security and other major issues, he added.

KASHMIR

Editors condemn advisory on live encounter reporting

NEW DELHI: The Editors Guild of India (EGI) has demanded withdrawal of Kashmir Police's advisory forbidding journalists from reporting live encounters. Calling the advisory of Kashmir Police draconian and undemocratic, the EGI said that this was an attempt to escape the media scrutiny.

"...Live reporting from conflict areas, is one of the most important journalistic duties of any responsible media, and requires extreme grit and determination on the part of reporters," it added.

Journalists can be instead given guidelines to protect integrity of tactics and plans of security agencies — norms adopted by other governments, it said. "At best, there may be some guidelines that can be issued with respect of reporting from such scenes, with the aim of protecting the integrity of tactics and plans of security agencies, as well as to avoid journalists from interfering with the evolving situation and from sensationalising the issue that can stir up emotions at audience's end. Globally those have been the norms adopted by governments," the EGI said. "The advisory is draconian and undemocratic, and flies in the face of the stellar role journalists have played in reporting conflict in the country, Therefore, it must be withdrawn," it added. *ENS*

DRDO IN GUJARAT

The Centre on Saturday decided to depute 25 doctors and 75 paramedics from the paramilitary forces at an upcoming 900-bed Covid hospital being set up by the DRDO in Gujarat's Ahmedabad, officials said

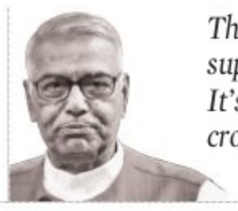
6 DROWN IN A DAM IN GATPURI OF MAHARASHTRA

INDIA	Max	Min	INDIA	Max	Min
Ahmedabad	42	28	Mumbai	34	28
Bhopal	38	24	Panaji	33	28
Jaipur	35	21	Patna	39	24
Amritsar	31	17	Lucknow	38	24
Chennai	34	25	Port Blair	32	26
Kolkata	36	27	Imphal	30	15
Srinagar	19	06	Chandigarh	38	20

ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2021 DECIDE

They BJP leaders are even eavesdropping on our everyday conversations. It seems they are tapping our phone calls on cooking and other household chores – Mamata Banerjee, TMC

BJP is strongly focussed on putting up fencings across border areas to stop infiltration. In first cabinet meeting, post formation of govt in Paschim Banga, we will implement CAA - Dilip Ghosh, BJP



There is no doubt now that the real super spreader of Covid is BJP itself. It's only aim is to get votes by hook or crook. So it rejects all suggestions to curb spread – Yashwant Sinha, TMC

Covid becomes focus of Bengal poll campaign

PM questions Mamata over skipping review meets; CM reiterates outsiders causing surge

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

WHO cares more for the sufferers of Covid-19? This seems to have become the latest bone of contention, as poll mercury continues to soar in West Bengal. On the day of the fifth phase of Assembly elections, Prime Minister Narendra Modi questioned Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's sincerity in controlling the pandemic situation, after being accused by her of spreading the disease in the state.

Addressing a rally in the coal belt of Asansol, Modi asked why did Mamata not attend the meeting of chief ministers on Covid control measures. "I held two meeting with the chief ministers. But she did not attend. She is not concerned about people's health in Bengal in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic," Modi said.

A few days ago, Mamata had said that BJP is bringing people from Gujarat and Bihar to erect stages for election rallies and other work. Saying that they are spreading virus in the state, she had held Modi responsible for that.

She reiterated her claim on Saturday. "The situation was not as alarming in Bengal like Gujarat or Uttar Pradesh. But the sudden surge in coronavirus cases is due to the inflow of outsiders who came to the state without conducting RT-PCR tests," she alleged.

Modi also accused Mamata of doing politics over the persons killed during the fourth phase of polling. "An audio tape has come out which shows how Didi is doing politics over it. She is talking about a procession with dead bodies." In the clip, Mamata is purportedly heard instructing a TMC candidate not to release the bodies because she would take out a rally with those.

TMC has said that Mamata's phone is being tapped and filed a complaint with the Election Commission. There are unconfirmed reports that Mamata has ordered a CID probe into the mater.

Modi also said that the language used by Mamata's in her criticism of him was not in sync with the "culture" of Bengal. "She made a comment on my beard and said that something was wrong with my head. This doesn't fit into Bengal's culture," he said.

A newly married couple after casting their vote in Nadia on Saturday | PTI

An elderly man arrives in wheelchair to cast his vote during the fifth phase of West Bengal Assembly polls in South 24 Parganas district on Saturday | PTI

₹122 cr

Total value of cash, liquor and other inducements seized by officials in Assam during poll exercise

₹776 cr

Difference from 2016 in total seizures in 5 states where polls are being held. Total seizure in 2021 is `1,001 crore

Probe over report of firing by forces

The Election Commission on Saturday sought a report from poll observers on an alleged incident of firing by central forces in Deganga constituency of South 24 Parganas — where voting is underway — after such allegations were levelled by locals. A senior election official said the office of CEO Ariz Aftab has received video footages, in which villagers are seen alleging that central forces opened fire near a booth to chase them away. "We have sought a quick report on the matter from the poll observers there," he said.

BJP booth agent dies during polling

A booth agent of the BJP died after falling sick at a polling station in West Bengal's North 24 Parganas district on Saturday morning, prompting the Election Commission to seek a report, an official said. Abhijit Samanta, the BJP agent of booth number 107 in the Kamarhati Assembly constituency, fell sick within an hour of the beginning of the polling, he said. Samanta was declared brought dead when taken to a hospital, he said.

POLL PUT OFF AFTER CANDIDATE'S DEATH

The Election Commission on Saturday put off Assembly election to the Jangipur seat in West Bengal following the death of a Revolutionary Socialist Party candidate. As per provisions of the Representation of the People Act, in case a candidate of a recognised party dies, the poll is put off to allow the party decide on a new candidate. The new candidate gets to file nomination and goes through the process of scrutiny of documents and the opportunity to withdraw nomination. A commission spokesperson said, "Poll at 58 Jangipur AC in Murshidabad scheduled on April 26 stands adjourned due to death of RSP candidate." The EC would announce a fresh poll schedule for the seat in the coming days.

ACTION SOUGHT AGAINST 'TAPPING' OF MAMATA'S PHONE

Kolkata: The TMC on Saturday moved the Election Commission over an audio tape of West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee released by BJP. The BJP has accused her of doing politics over the bodies of Cooch Behar firing victims. TMC requested EC to take action against the person concerned in BJP under criminal law. The TMC alleged that releasing Mamata's conversation is violation of the Constitution, Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, Information Technology Act, 2000 and Indian Penal Code, 1860. TMC said it is unprecedented that a CM's phone had been intercepted at BJP's behest a day before polls.

78% polling, stray violence in 5th phase

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

THE fifth-phase of Bengal Assembly polls on Saturday witnessed sporadic incidents of violence but the voter turnout robust at 78.36% as of 5pm. The final polling figure is likely to be declared by the Election Commission on Sunday.

According to the Election Commission, 81.73% votes were cast in Jalpaiguri district, followed by Purba Bardhaman (81.72%), Nadia (81.57%), North 24 Parganas (74.83%), Darjeeling (74.31%) and Kalimpong (69.56%).

A TMC supporter was injured when a BJP supporter allegedly opened fire in Shantipur Assembly constituency in Nadia district.

In Chakdaha Assembly constituency, an independent candidate was seen walking with an improvised firearm in front of policemen. He finally dropped the weapon alleging that a TMC worker hurled the firearm at him and he was walking towards the cops to hand it over to them.

In Bidhannagar constituency, where TMC's Sujit Bose and BJP's Sabsyachi Dutta are contesting, a pitched battle between the supporters of the two groups broke out. Both the groups scuffled and pelted stones at each other.

Dutta's followers alleged TMC supporters were not allowing the electorates residing in Shantinagar area, while the ruling party's activists accused their rivals of bringing outsiders.

Kaziranga hideout to avert political poaching

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

APPREHENDING poaching by the BJP, Congress is trying to keep its flock together ahead of the declaration of Assembly election results on May 2. Congress leaders held a closed-door meeting with party candidates at a hotel on the outskirts of Guwahati on Saturday.

Although what transpired in the meeting was not clear and the party said not too much should be read into "general discussions" on preparations for the counting day, this comes amidst talks that the Congress has plans to shift its he candidates to hotels in Guwahati, Tezpur and Kaziranga on April 22 and keep them away from potential "approaches".

The three-phase polls, held in March and April, were keenly contested between the BJP-led ruling coalition and the Congress-led 10-party grand alliance of opposition.

The Congress is trying to put up a brave face by saying the party will get majority and has no fears of horse-trading. "The grand alliance will get a big majority and its candidates are not going anywhere," AICC general secretary and Assam in-charge Jitendra Singh said before the meeting.

The Congress leadership has issued instructions to its candidates. "We have no trust in the Election Commission. We all know that 171 votes were cast in a booth that had 90 eligible voters," Singh said.

Lalu set to walk out of prison after high court grants bail, RJD upbeat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Ranchi/Patna

A festival-like atmosphere prevailed at the official residence of former CM Rabri Devi following the Jharkhand High Court order granting bail to her incarcerated husband Lalu Prasad on Saturday.

The RJD chief, in jail since 2017 for a series of fodder scam cases, is admitted in AIIMS Delhi for various ailments. Since he is already on bail in three of the four cases related to the fodder scam, the latest court order is likely to pave the way for his return home.

The HC order on Saturday pertained to a fodder scam case related to illegal withdrawal ₹3.13 crore from Dumka Treasury, part of united Bihar before Jharkhand became a separate state. The court gave the relief to Lalu on the ground that he has already completed half of his sentencing.

Lalu's earlier plea for bail was rejected on February 19 as he fell short by one month and 17 days in completing half of his sentencing. "Since half of the sentencing had already been completed in the Dumka case, the court allowed the bail application," said Lalu's advocate Anant Kumar Vij.

Lalu is likely to come out of jail within a week after a few court-related formalities, said Vij. The RJD chief has been asked to furnish two bail bonds of ₹1 lakh each. "He will also have to deposit his passport to the lower court and he cannot go out of the country without court permission," said Vij.

The 72-year-old RJD chief, after being diagnosed with symptoms of pneumonia, was shifted to AIIMS-Ranchi in January on the recommendation of a medical board. He is also a chronic patient of hypertension, diabetes, heart and kidney ailments.

Bihar's political circles believe that Lalu's return to politics can impact the NDA government's stability. Lalu's younger son Tejashwi Yadav, who is leader of the Opposition, termed the court decision as a victory of justice.

CM Nitish Kumar apparently remained unmoved by the development. "*Mujhe nahi malum... ye sab hote rahata hai* (I don't know, all this keeps happening)", he said.

RJD supporters celebrate in Bihar capital Patna on Saturday | PTI

The messiah of the poor, deprived and downtrodden people is coming out... Tell those who do injustice, our leader is arriving
— Tej Pratap Yadav, son of Lalu Prasad Yadav

EXPRESS READ

Two Covid patients die after hospital fire

Raipur: Two Covid-19 patients died after a fire broke out in the intensive care unit (ICU) of Rajdhani Hospital in the Chhattisgarh capital on Saturday. The police and the hospital administration cited 'electrical short-circuit' as the likely cause of fire. While one of the patients succumbed to severe burn injuries, the other reportedly died after the incident interrupted his oxygen supply. Around 50 patients, including many infected with coronavirus, were under treatment in the hospital.

Chargesheet against 7 in narco-terrorism case

Jammu: The National Investigation Agency on Saturday filed a charge-sheet here against seven people, including a resident of Punjab, in a narco-terrorism case related to terror outfit Babbar Khalsa International (BKI), an official said. The case is related to the seizure of 61 kilograms of heroin, 1.2 kilograms of opium and some arms and ammunition smuggled from across the International Border in the R S Pura sector in Jammu last year, an NIA spokesperson said.

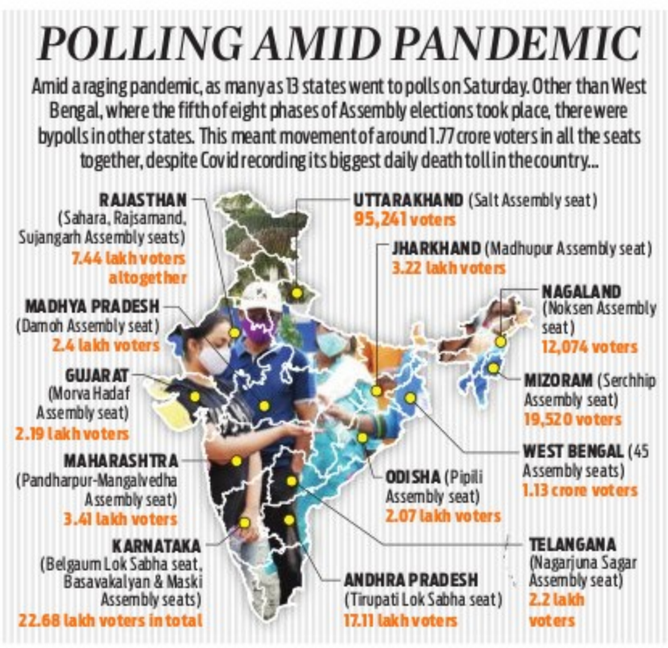
Charges & denials in Raj bypolls, low-key affair in Uttarakhand

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Jaipur/Dehradun

BY-ELECTIONS to three Assembly constituencies in Rajasthan saw sporadic controversies on Saturday. Turnout was moderate to high across most areas in Rajsamanad, Sahada and Sujangarh.

BJP complained of poll code violations by Congress. BJP state president Satish Poonia alleged that Congress misused government machinery to influence voters. In Rajsamand, BJP claimed local MP Diya Kumari was attacked and escaped unhurt. Noting that over 150 BJP workers were arrested, Poonia tweeted: "The way the government machinery and police are misused, we feel as if we are fighting the election not against the Congress party but the government machinery."

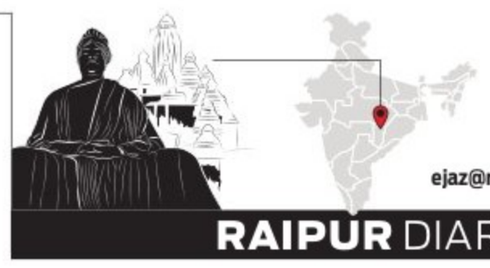
Congress dismissed the charges. State Congress president Govind Singh Dotasara said: "The allegations reflect BJP's fear of losing."


POLLING AMID PANDEMIC
Amid a raging pandemic, as many as 13 states went to polls on Saturday. Other than West Bengal, where the fifth of eight phases of Assembly elections took place, there were bypolls in other states. This meant movement of around 1.77 crore voters in all the seats together, despite Covid recording its biggest daily death toll in the country...
RAJASTHAN (Sahara, Rajsamand, Sujangarh Assembly seats) 7.44 lakh voters altogether
MADHYA PRADESH (Damoh Assembly seat) 2.4 lakh voters
GUJARAT (Morva Hadaf Assembly seat) 2.19 lakh voters
MAHARASHTRA (Pandharpur-Mangalvedha Assembly seat) 3.41 lakh voters
KARNATAKA (Belgaum Lok Sabha seat, Basavakalyan & Maski Assembly seats) 22.68 lakh voters in total
UTTARAKHAND (Salt Assembly seat) 95,241 voters
JHARKHAND (Madhupur Assembly seat) 3.22 lakh voters
NAGALAND (Noksen Assembly seat) 12,074 voters
MIZORAM (Serchhip Assembly seat) 19,520 voters
WEST BENGAL (45 Assembly seats) 1.13 crore voters
ODISHA (Pipili Assembly seat) 2.07 lakh voters
TELANGANA (Nagarjuna Sagar Assembly seat) 2.2 lakh voters
ANDHRA PRADESH (Tirupati Lok Sabha seat) 17.11 lakh voters

In Almora district of Uttarakhand, by-election to the Salt Assembly seat saw voter turnout of 37.10 per cent till 3:30 pm. Congress has fielded Ganga Pancholi who in 2017 had lost to BJP's Surendra Jeena, who died last November BJP has fielded his elder brother Mahesh Jeena.

Former CM's vehicle serving Covid patients

A personal vehicle often used by former CM late Ajit Jogi is now serving as a modern ambulance for Covid-19 patients. The vehicle, though donated by the Jogi family on August 15 last year, was not used by the authorities. Later, it was given to a voluntary organisation to operate free-of-cost as ambulance for helping Covid patients. It transports needy patients residing in distant areas to access swift healthcare facilities. The vehicle has amenities required during emergency situation and provides critical help and other life-support system.



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RAIPUR DIARY

National Employers Federation gets new chief

Chairman of Chhattisgarh state council of FICCI, Pradeep Tandon has gotten additional responsibility as the head of state committee of the National Employers Federation. The all-India body safeguards and projects the views and concerns of employers in the field of industrial and human relations at state, national and international levels. "Against the background of government policies, industrial performance and growth, it remains equally significant to effectively give voice to the affairs, importance and problems of the employing community," Tandon said. The federation believes that human resources need to be nurtured and cared for in an era of industrial growth and mounting challenges.

Balco takes initiative to promote Dhokra art

The Vedanta group's Balco is taking steps to empower the tribals engaged in creating the Dhokra art form and make them self-reliant. Stating that the creative potential of rural artisans remains unexplored, the Vedanta says it is trying to revive indigenous tribal art forms like Dhokra, mural and tribal paintings by creating a new market for them. The artisans are supported with raw materials, technical expertise, micro-finance and market opportunities. Also an exhibition and competition of tribal arts for local artists are organised to encourage adoption of crafts as a means of sustainable livelihood in the region, said Balco officials.

Power consumption surges during lockdown

Amid the ongoing lockdown in 22 of the 28 districts in the state, domestic power consumption has risen by over 15 per cent despite all commercial establishments, markets and offices remaining closed. This week the peak hour demand has risen to 4,500 MW. With people confined to their houses the usage of coolers, air conditioners, fans and other electrical gadgets have substantially increased during daytime. However, there is no crisis in Chhattisgarh, which produces over 2,500 MW from its own plants besides an additional supply from NTPC and private companies.

Italy weighs

putting former Interior Minister Matteo Salvini on trial for refusing to let a migrant rescue ship dock

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	29	13	SNY	Los Angeles	31	15	SNY
Colombo	29	25	HR	Melbourne	20	13	LC
Dhaka	33	27	SNY	Moscow	14	6	LC
Dubai	29	23	SNY	New York	16	10	LC
Houston	21	12	SNY	Singapore	32	26	LC
Istanbul	18	11	LC	Toronto	12	4	LC
London	14	3	LC	Washington	19	8	LC

WH says Biden will stick to Don's cap on refugee intake

Policy marks strong reversal of promise to let in 62,500 refugees this year

WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden's administration announced on Friday he was scrapping his pledge for a rapid expansion in the number of refugees allowed into the United States.

A senior administration official said Biden would maintain the historically low ceiling of 15,000 people resettled a year, a number set by predecessor Donald Trump who had imposed hardline border policies. The Biden administration had recently stated it wanted to allow in about 60,000 refugees annually, ramping up to double the following year. That aim had been part of the Democrat's broader promise to end harsh anti-immigrant and anti-refugee sentiment whipped up by Trump.

Instead, the White House will keep the strict 15,000 limit so that it can "rebuild" a broken program and deal with pandemic-related complications, said the official, who asked not to be identified.

The policy marks a strong reversal from the Biden administration's vow to let in 62,500 refugees, with 1,25,000 next year. After a top Democrat and refugee aid groups slammed Biden's target as "appallingly low" and "deeply disappointing," the White House issued a statement later Friday saying the number was provisional.

Noting that Biden has greenlighted settlement of refugees from previously blocked regions and signed off on flights from those areas to begin within days, the White House said it expected Biden "to set a final, increased refugee cap for the remainder of this fiscal year by May 15," but added that "his initial goal of 62,500 seems unlikely." The admissions system left by the Trump administration was "even more decimated than we'd thought, requiring a major overhaul in order to build back toward the numbers to which we've committed," the senior official said.

White House National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan also said the refugee program needs rebuilding. "We will use all 15,000 slots... and work with Congress on increasing admissions," he tweeted.

Joe Biden steps out of his motorcade in Washington DC on Saturday | AFP

Riots in US city over police killing of homeless man

PORTLAND

POLICE in Portland in the US state of Oregon, said on Saturday they arrested four people after declaring a riot Friday night when protesters smashed windows, burglarised businesses and set multiple fires during demonstrations that started after police fatally shot a man while responding to reports of a person with a gun.

Police said they dispersed the crowd so firefighting crews could douse fires before they spread in extreme fire hazard conditions.

The vandalism downtown came after the police shooting earlier on Friday and also was part of vigils and demonstrations already planned for the night in the name of people killed in police shootings nationwide. They include 13-year-old Adam Toledo of Chicago and Daunte Wright, a Black man in a Minneapolis suburb.

Deputy Police Chief Chris Davis told reporters a white man in his 30s had been shot and killed in Portland by police. The man was pronounced dead at the scene in Lents Park, a leafy, residential neighborhood of the city.

Two officers fired a 40mm device that shoots non-lethal projectiles, and one officer — an eight-year veteran — fired a gun, police said in a statement. Police identified the officer who fired his gun as Zachary Delong. Davis did not know if the man who died had pointed a weapon at the officers and did not say how many shots were fired. A witness who spoke to reporters at the scene said the man, who had removed his shirt and was blocking an intersection, appeared to be in a mental health crisis, The Oregonian/OregonLive reported.

Protesters march following the police shooting of a homeless man on Friday in Portland, Oregon | AP

BANGLADESH

5 killed as police shoot protesting factory staff

Dhaka: AT least five people were shot dead and dozens injured when Bangladesh police opened fire on Saturday on demonstrating workers at the construction site of a Chinese-financed power plant, officials said. Police started shooting after workers became violent, said Saiduzzman Chowdhury, government administrator in the southern coastal town of Banshkhali. They were protesting over unpaid wages, working hours and alleged discrimination at the facility. *AFP*

4 Indian-origin persons killed in FedEx shooting

INDIANAPOLIS

FOUR Sikhs, including three women, were among eight people who were killed in a mass shooting at a FedEx facility in the US state of Indiana staffed by a large number of Indian-American employees.

The gunman, identified as 19-year-old Brandon Scott Hole, a former employee. He allegedly died by suicide after the shooting on late Thursday night at the FedEx facility in Indianapolis. He was last employed by FedEx in 2020.

Hole was interviewed by FBI agents last year, after his mother called police to say that her son might commit suicide by cop, the bureau said on Friday. This is the worst Sikh massacre in the US after the Oak Creek Gurdwara mass shooting in Wisconsin on August 5, 2012, where seven members of the community were killed.

About 90 per cent of the workers at this delivery service facility are said to be Indian-Americans, mostly from the Sikh community. *PTI*

End of Castro era in Cuba as Raul retires from politics

HAVANA

THE all-powerful Communist Party of Cuba (PCC) opened a historic congress Friday to rubber-stamp the transfer of power to a new generation as outgoing leader Raul Castro committed it to "respectful" talks with the United States.

The 89-year-old Castro made the announcement in a speech Friday at the opening of the eighth congress of the ruling party, the only one allowed on the island.

"I concluded my task as first secretary ... with the satisfaction of having fulfilled (my duty) and confidence in the future of the fatherland," he said in a typically terse, to-the-point finale that contrasted with the impassioned verbal pyrotechnics of his brother Fidel, who died in 2016. Castro emphasized that Cuba would not renounce "the principles of the revolution and socialism."

But he affirmed a "willingness to conduct a respectful dialogue and build a new kind of relationship with the United States," which has had sanctions against Cuba since 1962. Castro is stepping down as PCC first secretary—the most powerful position in Cuba—ending a near six-decade family hold on power that started in 1959 under his revolutionary brother, Fidel, who died in 2016.

The reins will now pass to 60-year-old Miguel Diaz-Canel, who has already served as Cuba's president since 2018, when Castro relinquished that part of his executive portfolio. Ties with the United States, after a historic but temporary easing of tensions under president Barack Obama between 2014 and 2016, worsened under Donald Trump, who reinforced sanctions. *Agencies*

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GOVT. OF ODISHA, OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER NORTH EASTERN RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, KEONJHAR

O-30

Identification No. PMGSY Online NCB No.300 No. 1621 // Date: 10-04-2021

1. Name of the work :- Construction of road & CD works under PMGSY Programme.
2. Total No. of Packages :- 02 Nos. individual packages.
3. Estimated Cost of individual packages :- Varies from Rs.239.80 lakh to Rs.422.22 lakh.
4. Period of completion :- 11 calendar months for works below Rs.5.00 Cr. upto Rs.3.00 Cr. and 9 calendar months for works below Rs.3.00 Cr. as specified in DTCN.
5. Other details :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	No. of Packages	Availability of tender On-line for bidding From	To
1	2	3	4	5
Superintending Engineer, North Eastern Rural Works Circle, Keonjhar	PMGSY Online NCB No. 300	02 Nos.	19/04/2021 at 11.00 A.M.	03/05/2021 upto 5.00 P.M.

Further details can be seen from the website: **www.pmgsytenders.gov.in**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, N.E.R.W. Circle, Keonjhar. OIPR-25048/11/0002/2122

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Government of Odisha Office of the Superintending Engineer Northern Circle, Rural Works, Angul

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Bid Identification No. PMGSY Online AGL-01/2021-22

No. 1111 // Dt.13.04.2021 //

1. Name of the work : Construction of road & CD works under PMGSY Programme.
2. Total No. of Package : 02 No. individual Packages
3. Estimated Cost of individual packages : Varies from Rs.581.54 Lakhs to Rs.1255.19 Lakhs
4. Period of completion : As per Annexure
5. Other details.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	No. of Packages	Availability of Tender online for bidding From	To
1	2	3	4	5
Superintending Engineer, Rural Works, Northern Circle, Angul	PMGSY Online AGL- 01/ 2021-22	02 Nos.	19.04.2021 at 10.00 A.M	10.05.2021 up to 3.00 P.M

Further details can be seen from the web site "www.pmgsytenders.gov.in"

Sd/- D.Padhi, Superintending Engineer, N.C, Rural Works, Angul.

OIPR - 25049/11/0001/2122

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER SOUTHERN CIRCLE, RURAL WORKS, SUNABEDA

O-48

E-Procurement Notice.

NO: Date:

1. Name of the work : Periodical Maintenance of 5 Years Completed PMGSY Road (55 Nos)
3. Class of contractor : "C", "B", "A" & Special Class of (Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authority.
4. Estimated Cost : Varies from Rs.37.06 Lakhs to Rs.555.38 Lakhs (Approximately)
5. Details projects as per Annexure attached. :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender online for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	8
Superintending Engineer, Rural Works, Southern Circle, Sunabeda	SERWSCSBD-Online - 02/2021-22	19.04.2021 at 11.00A.M.	03.05.2021 up to 1.30 P.M.	30.04.2021 up to 1.00 P.M.	04.05.2021 at 11.00 A.M.	To be intimated separately
Executive Engineer, Rural Works Division, Koraput	EERWDKPT - Online - 01 /2021-22	19.04.2021 at 11 .00 A.M.	03.05.2021 up to 1.30 P.M.	30.04.2021 up to 1.00 P.M.	04.05.2021 at 11.00 A.M.	To be intimated separately

6. Further details can be seen from the web site **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**
7. Any Corrigendum/Addendum will be displayed in the above e-tender web sites.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle RW: Sunabeda

OIPR- 25045/11/0002/2122

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, CENTRAL CIRCLE, RURAL WORKS, BHUBANESWAR

O-58 No._____/Date.

"e" Procurement Notice for Roads Works under Periodical Maintenance for the year 2021-22 & Improvement to existing RD roads and State Plan for the year 2020-21

1.	Name of the Work	:	Road Works under Periodical Maintenance for the year 2020-21 and Impvt. to existing RD road & State Plan for the year 2021-22
2.	Total No. of Packages	:	19(Nineteen) No. of Road Works
3.	Estimated Cost of the Package	:	Varies from Rs.90.10 lakhs to Rs.176.79 lakhs
4.	Class of Contractor	:	a)Estimated cost more than Rs.40.00 lakhs & up to Rs. 3.00 Crores. B Class & A class (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities
5.	Period of completion	:	As mentioned in Colmun-7 of the Annexure
6.	Offered rates by bidder	:	The offered rate by the contractor shall be excluding GST.
7.	Other details :		

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding From	To	Date & Time of opening of tender Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6
Superintending Engineer, Central Circle Rural Works, Bhubaneswar	Tender- Online- C.C.-08 of 2021	22.04.2021 at 11.00 AM	03.05.2021 Up to 5.00 PM	04.05.2021 at 11.00 AM	10.05.2021 at 11.00 AM

Further details can be seen from the web site **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer

Central Circle, Rural Works, Bhubaneswar OIPR-25082/11/0001/2122

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Partnership Firm carrying on business in the name and style of M/s RADIANT ENTERPRISES (hereinafter referred to as "Firm") at No 11, First Main Road, C I T Colony, Mylapore, Chennai – 600 004 duly constituted vide Partnership Deed dated 24th July 2003 and reconstituted vide Deed of Reconstitution of Partnership dated 31st October 2007 and also registered with Registrar of Firms, Chennai Central as Firm No. 637 of 2003 with (1) Mr V.Rajendran and his wife (2) Mrs. Meenkashi Rajendran as Partners of the Firm have been DISSOLVED w.e.f 31.10.2020 vide Deed of DISSOLUTION date 1st Day of November 2020.

Place : Chennai
16.04.2021

V. Rajendran
11, First Main Road, C I T Colony, Mylapore, Chennai – 600 004

IN THE COURT OF THE XXXVI CHIEF MAGISTRATE AT BANGALORE C.MISC NO. 928/2021

Petitioner: Manjunath S/o Late Puttaswamy @puttaswamaiah, Aged about 43 years, No. 121/1, 7th Main, karisandra, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070.

-V/s-

Respondents : The register of Birth & Deaths Officer of the Commissioner, B.B.M.P. Bengalore-02.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Petitioner have filed this petition for issue of death certificate of father of the petitioner respectively namely Puttaswamy@ Puttaswamaiah, who died on 14.02.2017 (fourteen February Two thousand Seventeen) at R/at No.121/1, 7th main, Karisandra, Banashankari, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560070. Hence interested persons are hereby directed to appear before this hon'ble court in person are through pleader at 11.00 am on **26.4.2021** and file objections if any, otherwise the matter will heard and decided ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 26.03.2021 day at Bengaluru.

By the Order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, Court of Small Causes, Bangalore.

Advocate For Petitioners: **Basavaraju.H., A&B law Assosiates,** No. 2720, 12th main, 4th Block, Jayanagara, Bengaluru-560011.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that my client **Smt. Sridevi M.** W/o Yogesh V., R/at No 546, 1st B , Cross 3rd stage, 4th Block, West of Chord Road, PID No. 16-1-546, Ward No. 16, Bangalore-560079. She lost above address Original sale deed dated 12-9-1979, vide doc no 2348/79-80, Book No -1 volume No 367, in the name of Smt. Jayalakshmamma. And Lease-cum-sale agreement no 4728/1975-76 , Book no I, Vol no 245 dated 7-2-1976, in the name of Srinivas V. S/o Venkataramanappa. Both deeds are Registrar before Rajajinagara sub registrar office Bangalore,.I lodge complaint before Basaveshwara nagara police station on 8-4-2021. If any body find the said above deeds please handover to my client above/ below named, please note if anybody enter to make any illegal acts on the said documents my client is not responsible for the same. Hence , this public notice .

K.S. NATARAJA,
ADVOCATE & NOTARY
M. No. 9845177268
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BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL No.1 AT BANGALORE

ORIGINAL APPLICATION No. 1170 / 2019

BETWEEN : CANARA BANK (Erstwhile Syndicate Bank)
RPC Layout Branch, Bangalore 560040. Represented by its Senior Branch Manager Smt. Gayathri Email ID: br.0446@syndicatebank.co.in, Mobile No: 9449862093, PAN No: AACS4699E. ...Applicant

AND : DHINAKAR D S/o Devaraj, No.18/4, 13th Cross, 60 feet Road, Mahalaksmipuram, Bangalore 560086, 8105468720. **Also at Office address:** Dell India Pvt Ltd Employee, No.914148, Software Engineer, 12/1, 12/2A, 13/1A, Divyashree Greens, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, 08065596777, Pan No: BMAPD 8633B, Voter's ID No: WB40157318, Domlur Post, Bangalore 560071. ...Defendant

Summons issued under Rule 23(viii) of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules 1993 by paper Publication to Defendant

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Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks & FI's Act, 1993 against you for the recovery of **Rs.75,31,663.07** (Rupees Seventy Five Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Three and Paise Seven Only) in together with current and future interest and other reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear and to file written statement before this Tribunal at **10.30 AM** or at such time immediately thereafter according to the convenience of the Tribunal on **30.06.2021** to answer the claim.

1. You should file your registered address and Memo of appearance when you enter appearance before the Tribunal either in person by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed.
2. Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the day mentioned herein before, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.

The Application will be determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 22nd day of March 2021.

Registrar I/C, Debt Recovery Tribunal-I, Bangalore

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL No.1 AT BANGALORE

ORIGINAL APPLICATION No. 1171 / 2019

BETWEEN : CANARA BANK (Erstwhile Syndicate Bank)
RPC Layout Branch, Bangalore 560040. ...Applicant

AND : JAGADIP H S/o Harishandra, 08065596777, #76, 2nd Main, Muniramanna Block, Ganganagar Extension, Bangalore 32, Mobile No: 8105468797, 08064557298. **Also at Office address:** Dell India Pvt Ltd Employee, No.914316, Software Engineer, 12/1, 12/2A, 13/1A, Divyashree Greens, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Domlur Post, Bangalore 560071. ...Defendant

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DEMAND NOTICE

UNDER SEC.13 (2) SARFAESI Act 2002

Enforcement of security interest Action Notice-In connection with the credit facilities enjoyed by the following borrowers with in the branches mentioned herein below-classified as NPA

We have to inform you that you whose Name & Address mentioned here in below had availed following credit facilities from **Union Bank of India, Sadashivanagar Branch,** offering the property, mentioned here in below. Since you have failed to repay the loan amounts as agreed by you, your following mentioned account/s has/have been classified as Non Performing Assets [NPA] as on the date mentioned herein below. The individual notice has been also already sent to you demanding the due amount

1. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: M G Kanthan. No.1539 Mandya House, I Main, 6th Cross, Judicial Layout, GKVK Post, Bangalore Nisarga Poultry Farm, Vammasandra Village, Mulbalgal.

Name of Facility Amount Due

S.No	Facility/Loan	Limits (IN RS)	Outstanding as on:12.04.2021
1	AGRTL - 560931000358876	2,02,48,000	2,20,01,155.94
2	FITLN - 56072600000 0404	21,69,000	10,84,051.20
3	AGRTL - 560931000358922	12,19,000	10,08,035.60
		TOTAL	2,40,93,242.74

Amount Outstanding : as on 12.04.2021, Rs.2,40,93,242.74 (Rupees Two Crores Forty Lakhs Ninety Three Thousands Two Hundred Forty Two And Paise Seventy Four Only) together with interest.

Classified as NPA as on. 29-01-2021 Demand Date : 15.04.2021

Description of the Secured Assets:

(1) EMG of flat at No.004, first floor, SR Enclave II apartment, Property no.1248, BEML Layout 3rd stage, Halagevaderahalli, Bengaluru -560 098 belongs to Mr. M G Kanthan bounded on East by: Road, West by : Site no.1125, North by: Site no.1249, South by Site no.1247.

(2) EMG of land and building consisting at Sy No.36 New Sy.No.125, land measuring 2 acres 20 guntas of harapanayakanahalli village, Duggasandra Hobli, Mulbagal Taluk in the name of Mr. M.G. Kanthan bounded on East by: Land belongs to Anjanappa, West by :land belongs to V Putte gowda, North by: land belongs to Krishnappa, South by : land belongs to their own land.

(3) EMG of land and building consisting at Sy No.36 New Sy.No.112, land measuring 4 acres of harapanayakanahalli village, Duggasandra Hobli, Mulbagal Taluk in the name of Mr. M.G. Kanthan bounded on East by: belongs to their own land, West by :land belongs to V Venakatesh gowda, North by: land belongs to V Putte gowda, South by : land belongs to Vammasandra village boundary.

(4) EMG of land and building consisting at Sy No.36 New Sy. No.132/4, MR No.5/2008-09, Khatha No.18 land measuring 27 Guntas of Vammasandra village, Duggasandra Hobli, Mulbagal Taluk in the name of Mr. M.G. Kanthan bounded on East by: Govt kharab land, West by :Road and Govt Kharab, North by: land belongs to Venkataswami, South by : Vendors own land.

(5) Hypothecation of Assets, equipments and machineries

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law. Your kind attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 17.04.2021 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Union Bank of India**

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ಆಡಳಿತ ತರಬೇತಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ
ಲಲಿತ ಮಹಲ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು – 570011
ನಂ: ATI/13/TND/TEND/2020-ADMN-ATI

Administrative Training Institute
Lalitha Mahal Road, Mysore -570011
ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15.04.2021

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಆಡಳಿತ ತರಬೇತಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ರಾಜ್ಯ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳ ವಸತಿನಿಲಯಗಳ ಹೌಸ್ ಕೀಪಿಂಗ್ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಲು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲು ಉದ್ದೇಶಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಉತ್ತಮ ಸೇವೆ ಒದಗಿಸುವ ಆಸಕ್ತ ಟೆಂಡರುದಾರರು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in ಮೂಲಕ ತಮ್ಮ ಬಿಡ್ಡನ್ನು ನಿಯಮಾನುಸಾರ ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರಸಂ.	ಸೇವಾ ವಿವರ	ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ	ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ.
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ಸಹಿ/– ಮಹಾ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ ಪರವಾಗಿ

$581.21 bn was India's forex reserve as of April 9, according to RBI data. This was an increase of $4.34 billion over the previous week

HDFC Bank Q4 profit up, asset quality steady

While GNPA levels were marginally higher than last year, NNPA ratio stood unchanged

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

HDFC Bank, India's largest private lender, has recorded steady earnings during a quarter for which banks are expected to take a significant hit due to the renewed recognition of Covid-related stresses.

HDFC's results show that across key components, loan and deposit growth numbers were healthy, asset quality showed improvement, and net interest income growth was ahead of the Street's expectations. However, while net profit rose 18.2 per cent year-on-year to ₹8,186.51 crore for the four quarter (Q4 FY21), it remained below analysts' estimates of a 23-25 per cent year-on-year rise in net profit.

The bank's net Interest Income (NII)—the difference between interest earned through lending and interest paid to depositors—saw a 12.6 per cent rise to ₹17,120 crore during the quarter, compared to ₹15,204 crore in the corresponding period of last year, primarily due to lower expenses. Total advances rose 14 per cent from a year ago to ₹11.32 lakh crore. Domestic retail loans witnessed a 6.7 per cent year-on-year rise, while the wholesale lending portfolio grew 21.7 per cent.

Retail loan growth was driven by home loans, and a rise in credit card outstanding. Despite the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) barring the bank from issuing new cards in the quarter ended March, the lender's credit card outstanding for the year grew 12 per cent to ₹57,575 crore. Wholesale loans now form 53 per cent of the lender's total domestic book.

Total deposits for the quarter, meanwhile, came in at ₹13,35,060 crore, up 16.3 per cent over the corresponding period of the previous financial year, with CASA (Current Account Saving Account) deposits growing 27 per cent over last year.

12.6% increase recorded in the bank's net interest income

14% increase recorded in the bank's total advances

6.7% increase recorded in disbursement of domestic loans

On the asset quality front, its gross non-performing assets (NPAs) rose to 1.32 per cent against 1.26 per cent last year. But, this was a positive surprise when compared with the 1.38 per cent GNPA reported in the October-December quarter. Net NPA ratio stood unchanged at 0.4 per cent of net advances as of March 31, 2021, the bank said in a statement.

Profits were hit owing to the 24 per cent increase in provisions and contingencies, a figure which stood at ₹4,693.7 crore compared to last year and 37.5 per cent over the previous quarter.

Meanwhile, HDFC Bank said that its board of directors has decided not to offer a final dividend for FY21 in view of the persisting uncertainty. "The slowdown led to a decrease in loan originations, sale of third party products, use of credit and debit cards by customers and collection efforts," it said.

NEWSCOPE

MAKING ROGUE CORPORATIONS MORE ACCOUNTABLE

GURBIR SINGH

IT is not often that we see business news like this: Adani Ports & Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) was removed from the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices on April 15 for its business links with the Myanmar military. The regime, that engineered a coup on February 1 and has been shooting hundreds of protestors since, "are alleged to have committed serious human rights abuses under international law," the S&P Dow Jones Indices said.

This rap on the knuckles is expected to hamper the Adani Group's ability to raise funds on the international financial market, where environmental, social, and governance risk evaluation has become increasingly important.

Capitalism, the dominant international economic system, is all about private ownership and investment driving business with the object of making profit. There are rules in different markets, but ethics is certainly not high on the list. A 'good' business is one that makes money; and a 'bad' one is one that fails to survive competition in the market place.

WITHER ETHICS?

However, over the years, public opprobrium has been building up against 'sharks'—those multinational corporations that have used every trick in the book to profit at the cost of human rights and the environment. These factors now also determine what is a 'good' or a 'bad' company.

The rise of Adolf Hitler and Nazi Germany was built on a phalanx of corporations that collaborated and profited from the fascist war machine. Some of the big names are well known. Krupp Industries manufactured the steel, built the U-boats, the Panzer tanks, and the artillery for war. Degussa AG produced the infamous pesticide Zyklon B used in Nazi Germany's gas chambers.

But these are German companies. What about American companies that profited from the rise of Nazism in Europe? Hugo Boss made 'designer' uniforms for Adolf Hitler's infamous S.S. units and youth brigades using slave labour from concentration camps. Coca Cola and Kodak were some of the other willing participants; and so was the news organization Associated Press (AP), that bent itself to spread propaganda on behalf of the Nazi Third Reich.

It's not that the world learnt from the defeat of fascism. Colonialism as a system fell apart, but financial imperialism kept much of the globe under the tutelage of the developed powers. Friendly regimes were propped up in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, and the independent ones dislodged at short notice. The arms producers and the distribution cartels have been the dirty underbelly of the modern world. By their very nature, corporations that produce and export arms thrive on conflict, destabilization and human suffering.

Take the recent war in Yemen. Largely bank-rolled by the US, Saudi Arabia and 8 other Arab states have carried out air and ground attacks since 2015 to support forces loyal to President Abdrabbuh Mansour Hadi. The other side, the Houthi rebels, backed militarily by Iran, have forced a stalemate. The UN calls the war the world's worst humanitarian disaster. It has left almost a quarter of a million people dead, more than half from malnutrition and disease.

THE ARMS INDUSTRY

Who profited? Data from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) shows that arms sales by the world's 25 largest arms companies totaled US$361 billion in 2019, an 8.5 per cent increase over their total sales in 2018. In 2019, the top five arms companies were US-based: Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Northrop Grumman, Raytheon, and General Dynamics.

But the others were not far behind. After the USA, there were 3 Chinese companies in the top 10 and China in 2019 had the second largest share of arms sales at 16 per cent. The six West European companies together accounted for 18 per cent. Two Russian companies in the ranking cornered 3.9 per cent. Increasingly, public opinion is appalled at how big corporations are running the foreign policy of many Western countries. Then there are those causing irreversible damage to the environment.

People have begun to question how humanity has turned against itself. And so there is course correction. British oil and gas company, BP, was responsible for one of the America's largest environmental disasters, when its oil well leaked 4.9 million of barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico in 2010. The well was capped and the company had to pay a record $20.7 billion in fines and compensation.

In comparison, Union Carbide paid the princely sum of $470 million (₹715 crore) for the killer Bhopal gas leak in 1984 which claimed 3,000 lives. Ever since, there have been protests at the poor pay-back. Finally, in 2010, the Union government moved the Supreme Court for ₹7,844 crore additional compensation. Again too small? What should be the penalty levied on a corporation for such a large human disaster?

Which brings us back to Adani Ports collaborating with the Myanmar military for building a $290 million container port. S&P Dow Jones Indices has set a good example. Companies should and must be accountable for damage their projects and policies inflict on human beings and the environment. And, hopefully, we are moving closer to an international norm to blacklist and penalize such companies.

'Industry-wide measures needed for luxury auto markets'

PAVAN LALL

BAVARIAN luxury car-maker BMW India, which has been selling its premium cars for over a decade, will continue with its strategy for the subcontinent—keeping its plans on track for new launches in its range of two wheelers, the MINI brand of cars, as well as its BMW models.

BMW India has, in recent months, brought in new segments that expand the company's offerings at the lower end of the price spectrum. That's in addition to the tried and tested strategy of tapping customers who buy its 3 Series, 5 Series, and the X-range of SUVs that drive the bulk of its volumes in the market. And while the company doesn't share all its plans for the future, executives note that tapping niche segments that cater to customers across established categories will be part of the drill.

As an example, BMW recently launched a new 6 Series GT geared for self drive over long distances. Vikram Pawah, President and CEO, BMW Group India, says that they have 28 new launches lined up for the year—from new models and upgrades to products in the lifestyle space. These will include 15 launches for the BMW range, five for the MINI, and eight new products for Motorrad, the two-wheeler brand.

Will electric be a prominent part of their future rollouts? Pawah says, "We have a clear strategy of choice on what powers your choice fuel wise—and the i4 will follow soon when the ecosystem evolves".

That comes despite the slump seen over the past of couple years. "Going back several years for such a large sector is a setback for the sector and the economy, and now, with the second pandemic phase around the corner, that may further reverse growth," he said, adding that industry-wide measures would be required soon.

Presently, the luxury auto sector is in recovery mode, given that the last year saw overall sales for the segment come in at 19,000 units, down by almost 50 per cent from around 38,000 units in 2018, according to IHS Markit and industry sources.

The Centre should either revise taxes downward or offer incentives for a short term boost for consumers, Pawah noted, "The auto scrappage policy, for example, doesn't do very much for the consumer, as sales hover at levels that are comparable to 2016".

The luxury car market has witnessed significant pressure over the last year with a number of consumers shelving plans for purchases until the economy settled down. For most luxury manufacturers, stability of policy and regulation impacts the planning of car launches, which are typically set out six-seven years in advance, Pawah said.

While recent events have had their impact, fresh and refreshed model launches indicate that the luxury carmakers are upbeat on growth prospects, said Suraj Ghosh, principal analyst, South Asia Powertrain Forecasts, IHS Markit. "In the short term, the segment is expected to have a subdued run... The penetration level of luxury cars is still low despite the growing number of HNIs, which is a unique phenomenon," he observed.

Recently, government officials had spoken about the potential of infrastructure becoming like that of modern, western nations over the next three years. "If that happens as scheduled it will make a difference and encourage the experiential element of driving luxury and performance cars, but regulation, of course, has to keep (up with) that," Pawah pointed out. "The latent potential is fantastic in India if the per capita income increases... which will happen at some time," he added.

EXPRESS READ

CEO of Angel Broking passes away

New Delhi: Angel Broking Private Limited's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Vinay Agrawal passed away on April 17, the domestic stock broking firm informed in its exchange filing. Agrawal was also the Whole Time Director in the company and was holding CEO position since 2015.

Suraksha group asked to improve Jaypee bid

New Delhi: Lenders of Jaypee Infratech have asked Suraksha group to improve its bid by offering more land while homebuyers pitched for a reduction in timeline for completion of housing projects, news agency PTI reported quoting sources on Saturday.

Airlines waive change fees as bookings dive

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AIRLINES in India are waiving off change fees amidst rising cancellations and a sharp plunge in bookings due to severe restrictions re-imposed by states in an effort to control the second Covid-19 wave.

SpiceJet on Saturday said that passengers are now entitled to make changes in their travel plan at least five days prior to the date of departure through its 'Zero Change fee' offer, instead of the earlier seven days. IndiGo, on the other hand, is not charging any fees if a customer wants to change their time or date of travel on domestic tickets booked between April 17 and April 30. National carrier Air India, meanwhile, is giving one free change on domestic tickets till April 30, 2021.

The new offering, according to SpicetJet, allows passengers to modify tickets with a one-time waiver of the charges without any hassle. "Under the new offering, passengers booking direct domestic flight tickets from 17th April, 2021 to 10th May, 2021 can enjoy a one-time waiver on the change fee for the travel period between 17th April, 2021 and 15th May, 2021. Fare difference will be applicable for flight changes and shall be payable by the customer," said SpiceJet in a statement.

However, passengers will be allowed a free change only once. In case the flight is changed again, applicable change fees as per standard terms shall be charged. Additionally, the airline has introduced a special discounted price for add-on services such as SpiceMax and You1st.

As for IndiGo, passengers can now do unlimited changes for new bookings made till April 30, 2021, on regular fares. "This offer is in line with our philosophy of providing our customers a hassle-free experience, and giving them much-needed flexibility, especially in these times," said Sanjay Kumar, Chief Strategy & Revenue Officer, IndiGo.

The average daily number of departing passengers from domestic airports has fallen from 2.49 lakh in March to below 2 lakh in recent days as the second Covid wave wrecks havoc.

Business & Beyond

Shallu Jindal interacts with Wushu players

Chairperson of JSPL Foundation, the social arm of Jindal Steel and Power Ltd (JSPL), Shallu Jindal interacted with Wushu players belonging to the predominantly tribal region of Keonjhar, Odisha and encouraged them to stay focused on the game. During her visit to the Martial Art Sports Complex, developed by the JSPL Foundation at Barbil, she spoke to international Wushu medalist Bablu Munda and Manju Munda, a national medalist, and encouraged her to do better.

CBI launches deposit scheme to promote vaccination

In order to encourage vaccination to protect against Covid-19, the Central Bank of India has brought out a Special Deposit Product called Immune India Deposit Scheme for 1,111 days at an extra interest rate of 25 basis points above the applicable card rate for citizens who have gotten vaccinated. Central Bank of India requests all citizens to vaccinate and avail the attractive offer.

Vedanta fosters local MSMEs in Odisha and Chhattisgarh

Vedanta Aluminium & Power Business is fostering hundreds of MSMEs in remote rural areas with its innovative 'waste to wealth' programmes, it said in a release. Waste-to-wealth projects form a key pillar of Vedanta's sustainability agenda and the company has been enabling socio-economic development by fostering local micro-enterprises in fly-ash brick making.

PNB organises customer meet on eve of Foundation Day

On the eve of Punjab National Bank's 127th foundation day, a customers' meet was organized by the bank's circle office for Chennai South on April 12. The meeting was chaired by Mohd. Maqsud Ali, DGM, E. Venkateshwarlu, DGM, Mid Corporate Centre, Chennai South, and AGM Naresh Kumar Salwan. The customer meet was attended by about 50-60 customers of various local branches situated in Chennai.

Indian Bank celebrates B R Ambedkar's birth anniversary

Indian Bank celebrated the 130th birth anniversary of Dr B R Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution, across the country. In the celebration organised at Corporate Office, Chennai, Padmaja Chunduru, MD & CEO, Indian Bank, paid floral tributes to Dr B R Ambedkar. V V Shenoy, K Ramachandran, Imran Amin Siddiqui, EDs of the Bank, were also present on the occasion.

HAMILTON EARNS 99TH CAREER POLE AT IMOLA

Lewis Hamilton claimed his 99th career pole position in qualifying Saturday for the Emilia Romagna Grand Prix, with Red Bull's Sergio Perez set to start alongside him at Imola. Max Verstappen, runner-up to Hamilton at the season-opening race in Bahrain last month, will begin third on the grid in the other Red Bull as the top three were separated by less than one-tenth of a second.

HAPPY RETURN FOR FREESTYLE GRAPPLER RAVI

Haryana man, who took time to get going in Asian meet, dusts away cobwebs to emerge triumphant in his first tournament in over a year

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

IT took a while for Ravi Dahiya to adjust when the Indian wrestler began his campaign at the Asian Championships in Almaty on Saturday. Given the long layoff he had, the 23-year-old Haryana grappler started slowly but got back to his groove with each passing bout to win the 57kg final and retain the gold medal. "A lot of things were going on in my mind when I took the mat. I was competing in an official international event after more than a year. It took some time to adjust to the surroundings but it's good that I did that in time to retain the title," Ravi told this daily after beating Alireza Nosratolah Sarlak of Iran 9-4 in the final.

Incidentally, the 2020 Asian meet was the last international event for Ravi. "I will try to get used to this competitive world again as it's important to stay focussed especially with the Olympics a few months away. As far as my plans are concerned, it all depends on the Wrestling Federation of India. If they allow me to go overseas to prepare it will be good, otherwise I will train in the country," added the freestyle wrestler, who made the Tokyo Olympic cut by winning bronze at the 2019 World Championships.

Meanwhile, Karan (70kg) Narsingh Yadav (79kg) and Satyawart Kadian (97kg) added to the country's medal tally by winning a bronze medal each.

Injured Bajrang pulls out

It was supposed to be a clash of the day with ace Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia taking on Japanese Takuto Otoguro in the 65kg final. Otoguro had emerged victorious in the previous three bouts and the final was a golden opportunity for Bajrang to avenge the losses. However, an elbow injury meant Bajrang had to contend with the silver medal. "There was pain in his right elbow since the morning. He sustained it during warmup. He somehow managed to compete in the quarterfinal and semifinal but we decided to pull out of the final," said Shako Bentinidis, Bajrang's coach.

Coach positive, compound archers miffed with recurve

AYANTAN CHOWDHURY @ New Delhi

THE Covid-19 pandemic has not only affected athletes with regards to their training and competition, now the virus has ended up creating a rift between the recurve and compound archers too. On Saturday, India's compound team was left in the lurch because a coach tested Covid positive. In the end the team, was forced to withdraw from World Cup Stage I in a bizarre manner.

Both the teams — eight recurve and as many compound, were set to travel to Guatemala City on Friday. The mandatory RT-PCR tests yielded one positive result, that of a compound team coach based in SAI Sonepat. The remaining compound contingent all had negative reports and so boarded a car from the premises and were on the way towards the airport when the entire issue began.

The recurve archers had a meeting with the federation wherein they informed that they were not willing to travel with the compound contingent as they were all contacts of the coach. The compound archers also called up Archery Association of India and said they had with them negative reports and should not be ignored like this. A meeting ensued between the AAI chief Arjun Munda, other officials and SAI. During that meeting, the compound team was forced to wait inside their vehicle in the middle on the Sonepat-Delhi highway till the federation took a decision. The president finally decided, keeping all SAI protocols in mind, that the compound team should not board the flight.

"We requested the federation to allow us to travel in a different flight which we would pay for but they refused. Our competitions are on different dates, we were allotted separate hotels there as well so it would not have been a problem. How can people with negative reports be denied the chance to travel and represent the nation?" one of the compound archers said.

While government protocols dictate primary contacts need to be isolated and tested, there is also the possibility of false positives, argued the compound archers. All the athletes and coaches were based inside SAI premises which is said to be a bio-bubble and safe. The compound group have also raised questions like why the RT-PCR was not conducted earlier.

TODAY'S MATCHES: LIVE ON SS1

Bangalore will be looking for their third win when they take on Kolkata. In the second match, Punjab face Delhi challenge. A look at the matches...

RCB VS KKR | CHENNAI | 3.30 PM

UNLOCKING MAXWELL

One of the keys for Bangalore doing well early doors has been Glenn Maxwell's form. He has been given the luxury of playing himself in before going after the bowling. This almost means less pressure on both Kohli and AB de Villiers. But one concern will be their slow-starting top-order.

KKR'S MIDDLE MUDDLE

Kolkata's last match was a common theme last season, the middle-order failing to force the pace and finish a relatively straightforward chase. The onus is on Morgan, Andre Russell and Dinesh Karthik to come good in that end overs.

DC VS PBKS | MUMBAI | 7.30 PM

PUNJAB'S FAST-BOWLING UNIT

Having invested heavily in Jhye Richardson and Riley Meredith, they will have no choice but to play them. However, initial returns are worrying. The pair, between them, have picked just one wicket for roughly 140 runs in under 15 overs.

DELHI'S TOP-ORDER

If their top three folds for not much, that middle-order suddenly looks flaky, it was in evidence on Friday as well. They also need to figure out a way to get somebody like a Shimron Hetmyer back into the line-up as well because of his prowess as a middle-overs enforcer.

Mumbai Indians' Rahul Chahar celebrates after dismissing Sunrisers Hyderabad's Manish Pandey on Saturday. Chahar picked up three wickets | SPORTZPICS

Bowlers deliver for Mumbai

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

MUMBAI Indians picked up a remarkable five wickets for eight runs in 13 balls to beat Sunrisers Hyderabad by 13 runs in yet another low-scoring thriller at Chepauk. Defending 151, Hyderabad, even if below the asking rate, were on course at 5/129 when Jasprit Bumrah and Trent Boult ran through the lower order.

Hyderabad, in fact, looked on course to chase down the target with lots of overs left in the bank when Jonny Bairstow was playing a typically belligerent innings in the company of David Warner. The duo put on 67 for the first wicket before Krunal Pandya accounted for the former. Then, Rahul Chahar picked up 3/19 to set up Boult (3/28) and Bumrah (1/14) to do what they usually do in the end.

For the defending champions, Quinton de Kock (40) and Rohit Sharma (32) contributed before Kieron Pollard finished off the innings with two sixes to reach 150.

Brief scores: Mumbai 150/5 in 20 ovs (De Kock 40, Pollard 35 n.o) bt Hyderabad 137 in 19.4 ovs (Bairstow 43; Chahar 3/19, Boult 3/28).

Mirabai creates WR, confirms Tokyo berth

PTI @Tashkent

FORMER world champion Mirabai Chanu made a splendid return to the weightlifting arena, setting a new world record in clean and jerk while also bettering her own national record en route winning a bronze medal at the Asian Championship here on Saturday.

Chanu also confirmed her Tokyo Olympic spot as she has now competed in the six mandatory qualifying events. The 26-year-old Indian lifted 86kg in snatch and a world record of 119kg in clean and jerk for a total of 205kg.

While the earlier clean and jerk world record was 118kg, Chanu's personal best total in 49kg was 203kg (88kg+115kg) at the National Championship in February last year. The gold went to Hou Zhihui of China who created a new world record in snatch and total effort of 213kg (96g+117kg) while her compatriot Jiang Huihua clinched the silver, lifting 207kg (89kg+118kg) in the gold level Olympic qualifier. Chanu had a shaky start as she failed to lift 85kg in her first two snatch attempts. He then lifted 86kg in her final attempt.

EXPRESS READ

Ankita loses, India demoted

JURMALA: Ankita Raina lost to Anastasija Sevastavo 0-6, 6-7 (5) in the third singles rubber in the Billie Jean King Cup. The loss meant India lost in the playoffs to be demoted back into the Asia-Oceania group.

Rani & Co to restart training at B'luru

NEW DELHI: Indian women hockey's core group will return to the national camp in Bengaluru on Sunday to restart the preparations for the Tokyo Games. The group will undergo mandatory quarantine.

Rijiju tests positive for coronavirus

NEW DELHI: Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju on Saturday said that he has tested positive for Covid-19 but is feeling "fit and fine". The 49-year-old posted the development on Twitter handle. He said he is feeling fine.

Goa hold Al Wahda in continental meet

MARGAO: FC Goa gave a mighty scare to Al Wahda with a fine counter-attacking football in the second half as they held the fancied side from the UAE to a goalless draw in the AFC Champions League group stage here on Saturday.

Newcastle win, Spurs held

NEWCASTLE: Newcastle moved closer to PL survival after Joe Willock's late goal capped a thrilling 3-2 win against 10-man West Ham. Tottenham Hotspur's drew 2-2 away to Everton. Harry Kane was injured.

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No.: B5/SAS/e-Auction/CR-2/2020-21 Date: 09.04.2021

Brief Tender Notice Regarding Disposal of Forest Produce like Timber/Fire Wood/Billets/Poles Through e-Auction

Dates are fixed on 29.04.2021, 30.04.2021, 03.05.2021 and 05.05.2021 for disposal through e-Auction of Forest Produce like Timber/Fire Wood/Billets/Poles available in the below mentioned Govt. Timber Depots coming under the limits of Sagar Forest Division. The said e-auction sale Notice was published in letter of this office even No. Date: 09.04.2021 and can participate in the e-Auction subject to all the conditions mentioned in the said Notice. Further details regarding information related to e-Auction can be obtained through Karnataka Government's Official website www.mstcecommrce.com and www.etimber.in

Sd/- (D. Mohan Kumar, KFS), Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sagar Forest Division, Sagar

DIPR/smg/No.85/04/mca/21-22

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer-3, SWM-1, Behind Dasappa Hospital Compound, N.R. Road, Bengaluru-02
No.: EE-3/SWM-1/TEND/135/2021-22-Call-4 Date : 17.04.2021
SHORT TERM RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION
FOURTH CALL (Through e-procurement portal)

The Executive Engineer-3, SWM-1 invites Tenders for **"Selection of Service Provider for Transportation, Processing and Scientific Disposal of Household Biomedical and Sanitary Waste from various Dry Waste Collection Centers or any designated locations located in BBMP jurisdiction"** for one year. Any reputed firms / companies / consortium of companies, Company registered under Companies Act 1956/2013, authorized by Karnataka State Pollution Control Board under Biomedical Waste Disposal are eligible to apply. In case of consortium, the number of members shall not exceed two.

Sl. No.	Package	Zone
1	Package No. 2	West Zone
2	Package No. 3	South Zone
3	Package No. 4	Mahadevapura Zone
4	Package No. 5	Bommanahalli Zone

EMD (Rs. in Lakhs): EMD declaration form to be submitted.

Calender of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in (2)** Last date for receipt of tenders on **04.05.2021** upto **4:00 p.m. (3)** Last date for uploading queries on **23.04.2021** upto **4:00 p.m. (4)** Pre-bid meeting on **27.04.2021** at **11:00 a.m.** at the Office of the Executive Engineer-3 SWM-1, Behind Dasappa Hospital Compound, N.R. Road, Bengaluru-02. **(5)** Date of opening of Technical bids are on **06.05.2021** by **4:00 p.m.** or next working day. **(6)** Opening of Financial bids will be intimated to technically qualified bidders. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer-3, SWM-1, BBMP

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CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA NIYAMITHA
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Harangi Rehabilitation Division, Kushalnagara - 571234, Somwarapet Taluk, Kodagu District, Karnataka State
Tel. No.: 08276-274365 Fax. No.: 08276-274366 e-mail:eehrdksh@gmail.com

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION NO. 02/2021-22. Dt: 15-04-2021. (Through e-procurement Portal Only-Short term)

Item Rate tenders are invited on e-procurement basis by the Executive Engineer, Harangi Rehabilitation Division, Kushalnagara, Somwarapet Taluk, Kodagu District on behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL, Bangalore from eligible contractors for the work of **Construction of Protective wall to Right Bank of Harangi river from Ch:5.840 to 6.090 km (Sainika School) near Kudige village, Somwarapet Taluk, Kodagu District** Approx amount put to tender is Rs 420.00 lakhs.

The contractors can have access/download tender document from e-procurement and last date to submitt the filled tender document is **27-04-2021** till 4.00 PM. Technical bid will be opened on **28-04-2021** at 4.30 PM onwards and Financial bid will be opened after Approval of the Technical Bid. All the information is available on e-procurement web-site address **http://eproc.Karnataka.gov.in**.

Tender processing fee as stipulated in the e-procurement portal is applicable for the work. Additional information can be obtained from the undersigned during office hours.

Executive Engineer, Harangi Rehabilitation Division, Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Niyamitha, Kushalanagar, Somwarpet Taluk, Kodagu District - 571234, Karnataka

Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation
CENTRAL OFFICES – DEPT. ACCOUNTS
Post Bag No.2778, K. H. Road, Shanthinagar, Bangaluru-560027. Tel: 080-22221325
No. : KST/CO/ACC/BS/LOAN/224/2021-22 Dated: 17.04.2021
RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION
Expression of Interest for sanction of Rs.220 Crore Term Loan
Sub: Availment of Rs.220 Crores Term Loan for clearance of outstanding liability.

Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) intends to avail term loan of **Rs.220 Crores** (Rupees Two Hundred Twenty Crores only) to meet the outstanding liabilities on following terms and conditions.

1) Loan amount will be drawn in one single installment. 2) The tenure of the loan shall be for a period of **Seven years**. 3) Re-payment on monthly installment after a moratorium period of 6 months. 4) Offer is invited to sanction of loan at one month/3 months/ half year/yearly MCLR/RLLR rate of bank. KSRTC reserves the right to avail the loan at the rate which is most beneficial to the Corporation. 5) Payment of processing fee/up-front fee/pre-payment charges/Annual inspection charges or any other charges shall be waived. 6) KSRTC reserves the right to vary terms, conditions, pre-close and amend tenure of the proposed loan and cancel the tender notification without assigning any reason. 7) All Scheduled Commercial Banks and Financial Institutions approved and recognized by the Reserve Bank of India can participate in the tender. 8) The proposal shall be submitted in a sealed cover, addressed to 'CAO-FA, KSRTC, Central Offices, K. H. Road, Shanthinagar, Bangaluru-560027, super scribed with **"Expression of Interest for sanction of Term Load of Rs.220 Creres"**. 9) The proposal shall be submitted on or before 26.04.2021.

Sd/-
DIPR/DDU/174/AKAR/2021-22 **Chief Accounts Officer-cum-Financial Advisor**

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No.DPS52PUR(B)2020-21/Copier Date: 15.04.2021
BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (through e-procurement)

Online Tenders are invited for the **Supply of Copier Paper** Under rate contract. Estimated total value of the Tender is about **Rs.113.50 lakhs.** Pre-bid meeting shall be on **22.04.2021, 11.30 AM** & Last date for Submission of Tender **30.04.2021, 17.30 hrs.** For details please visit Website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. For any further clarifications the above office may be contacted.

DIPR/172/Alaknanda/2021-22 Sd/- Director

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Regd. Off.-108/3607,Behind Pal Heights, Jayadev Vihar, Bhubaneswar 751013
TENDER NOTICE

Odisha Knowledge Corporation Limited (OKCL) on behalf of District Education Officer (DEO), Keonjhar invites request for Proposal (RFP) for :

1. Facility management function to provide maintenance/ Installation services of equipment, furniture, provision of services at 221 Smart Labs.
2. Installation, Maintenance and Commissioning of new Smart labs at 221 Schools.
3. Procurement of Software Licences.

Detailed information regarding the tender is available at website **http://www.okcl.org/tenders.**

sd/-
Managing Director, OKCL

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
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IFT No. PWD:DK:RD:KW_3:2021-22:215 Date:16-04-2021
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers as per standard bid documents KW-4 on e-procurement Portal, Head of Account KKRDB MACRO SCP for the Year 2020-21 (1) *Improvements to Yalamageri Cross to Talakanakapur Thanda road Km. 0.00 to 3.00 in Koppal Tq, Koppal District.* (WI. No: 136139) Estimate amount: Rs. 96.87 Lakhs. Two cover Tender procedure as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed. For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours on Phone Number 08539 – 222318 and all informations regarding tenders can be had from website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address on or after 26-04-2021. E.M.D. Amount, Tender processing fee, Period for completion of work As mentioned in e-Proc Portal. Date & Time of Tender Queries/ clarification 29-04-2021 Time 16.00, Last date & time for receipt of tenders 06-05-2021 Time 16.30, Date and time for opening of technical bid 07-05-2021 Time 11.00, Date and time for opening of financial bid 15-05-2021 Time 11.00.

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Sundae Chocolate Magic ₹190* | 1 L
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A real-world study of millions of Chileans who had received the Chinese-developed CoronaVac vaccine has found it 67% effective against symptoms and 80% against death from Covid-19.

Worldwide Covid toll tops 30 lakh

Average of 12,000 deaths per day recorded last week, pushing world to grim milestone

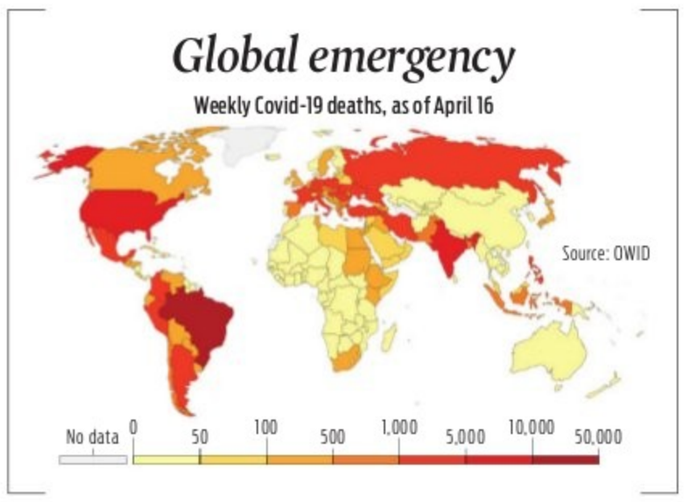
HEALTH

RIO DE JANEIRO: The global Covid-19 death toll passed 30 lakh on Saturday as the pandemic continues to speed up despite vaccination campaigns, leading countries like India to impose new localised lockdowns to fight spiralling infection numbers.

It is the latest grim milestone after the novel coronavirus surfaced in central China in December 2019 and went on to infect more than 13.9 crore people, leaving billions more under lockdowns and ravaging the global economy.

An average of more than 12,000 deaths were recorded globally every day in the past week, shooting the overall toll past three million at around 14:00 IST on Saturday, according to an AFP tally.

And the true number is believed to be significantly higher because of possible government concealment and the many cases overlooked in the early stages of the outbreak that began in Wuhan.



For comparison, three million people is more than the population of Jamaica or Armenia, and three times the death toll of the Iran-Iraq war which raged from 1980-1988.

And the pandemic is showing no sign of slowing down: the 8,29,596 new infections reported worldwide on Friday is the highest number yet, according to AFP's tally.

The daily average of 7,31,000 cases registered over the last week is also close to being a record. India now has three times the daily cases of the United States, the world's worst-hit nation, and families are clamouring for drugs and hospital beds.

Richer countries that have waged mass inoculation efforts have seen their virus numbers plummet. Britain, which has given 60 percent of the population at least one vaccination dose, now records around 30 deaths a day -- down from 1,200 in late January.

In Brazil, where deaths are running at about 3,000 per day, accounting for one-quarter of the lives lost worldwide in recent weeks, the crisis has been likened to a "raging inferno" by one WHO official.

EXFILE • PALAEONTOLOGY

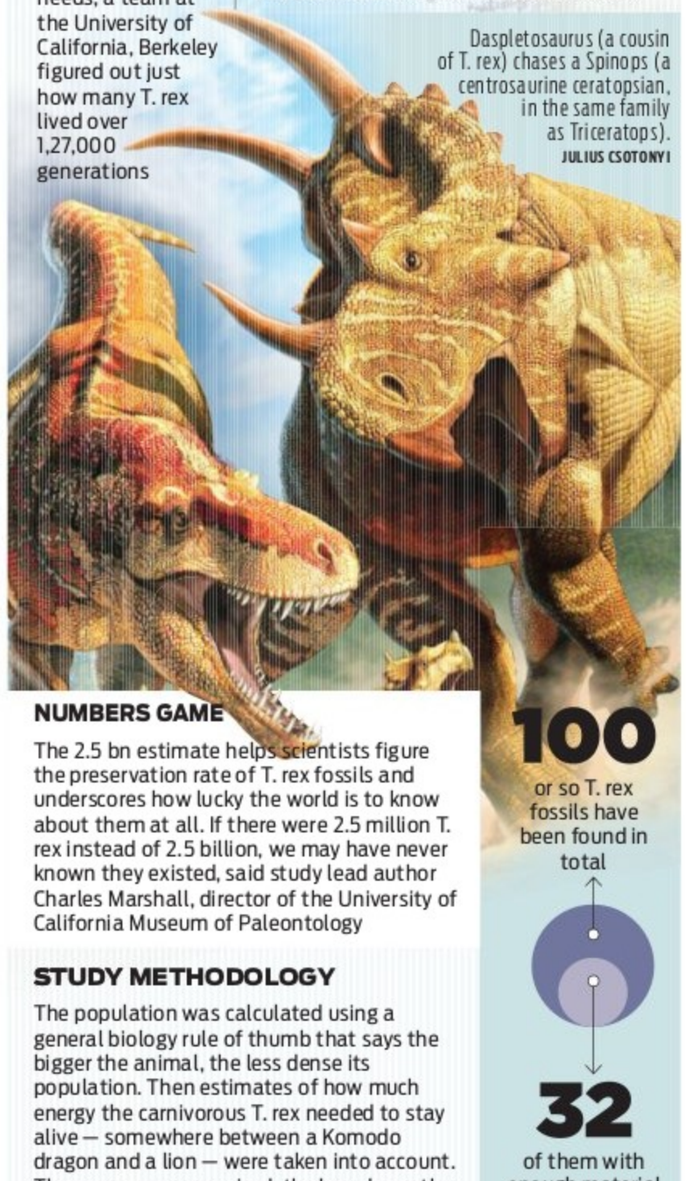
2.4 BN T.REX RULED THE EARTH, THOUGH NOT ALL AT ONCE

One Tyrannosaurus rex seems scary enough. Now picture 2.5 billion of them. That many fierce dinosaur kings probably roamed Earth over the course of a few million years, a new study in *Science* finds

1,27,000
GENERATIONS
Using calculations based on body size, maturity and the creatures' energy needs, a team at the University of California, Berkeley figured out just how many T. rex lived over 1,27,000 generations

1.2 MN - 3.6 MN YEARS
The species roamed North America for about 1.2 million to 3.6lation density was small at any one m million years, meaning the T. rex popuoment

There would be about two in a place the size of a small Tier-2 city in India, or 3,800 in a place that is twice the size of Gujarat



Daspletosaurus (a cousin of T. rex) chases a Spinops (a centrosaurine ceratopsian, in the same family as Triceratops). JULIUS CSOTONYI

NUMBERS GAME
The 2.5 bn estimate helps scientists figure the preservation rate of T. rex fossils and underscores how lucky the world is to know about them at all. If there were 2.5 million T. rex instead of 2.5 billion, we may have never known they existed, said study lead author Charles Marshall, director of the University of California Museum of Paleontology

STUDY METHODOLOGY
The population was calculated using a general biology rule of thumb that says the bigger the animal, the less dense its population. Then estimates of how much energy the carnivorous T. rex needed to stay alive — somewhere between a Komodo dragon and a lion — were taken into account. The more energy required, the less dense the population

100
or so T. rex fossils have been found in total

32
of them with enough material to be classified as adults

28 YEARS
Researchers also factored in that the T. rex reached maturity somewhere around 14 to 17 years old and lived for at most 28 years

SpaceX set to build NASA's Moon Lander

SPACE

NASA has selected SpaceX to land the first astronauts on the surface of the Moon since 1972, the agency said Friday, in a huge victory for Elon Musk's company.

The contract, worth $2.9 billion, involves the prototype Starship spacecraft that is being tested at SpaceX's south Texas facility. "Today I'm very excited to announce that we have awarded SpaceX to continue the development of our integrated human landing system," said Lisa Watson-Morgan, NASA's Human Landing System program manager.

SpaceX beats out Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin and defense contractor Dynetics to be the sole provider for the system, a surprising break from the past when NASA had chosen multiple companies. Industry analysts said the decision underscores the company as NASA's most trusted private sector partner.

8 Indian states have highest climate vulnerability: Report

ENVIRONMENT

NEW DELHI: A majority of states in the ecologically fragile Eastern Himalayan Region are the most vulnerable to climate change, according to the National Climate Vulnerability Assessment Report.

The report by the department of Science and Technology (DST), based on an all-India assessment, identifies the most vulnerable states and districts in India with respect to current climate risk and main drivers of vulnerability. The assessment is based on a set of common indicators and common methodology.

The states with relatively high vulnerability — Jharkhand, Mizoram, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Assam, Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh and West Bengal — are mostly in the eastern part of the country, requiring prioritisation of adaptation interventions. "Among these states, Mizoram, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, and the hill districts of West Bengal are situated in the ecologically fragile Eastern Himalayan Region," said the report.

District-level vulnerability indices show that Assam, Bihar and Jharkhand have over 60% districts in the highly vulnerable category.

A total of 29 states were considered for the analysis and a set of 14 indicators of vulnerability was used in the assessment capturing both "sensitivity" and "adaptive capacity" of states.

The location of most of these states overlaps with disaster-prone areas according to multi-hazard maps prepared by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA, 2016). This puts those states in a doubly disadvantageous position.

States with relatively high vulnerability are mostly poor states with a low per capita income and low Human Development Index, indicating a low overall adaptive capacity.

"A lack of forest cover, high sensitivity of the health sector (disease prevalence) coupled with a low adaptive capacity due to a lack of health care workers are the major drivers of vulnerability in these states," the report prepared by experts from several national academic and research institutions said.

The high percentage of BPL population, the prevalence of rain-fed agriculture, and a lack of crop insurance, compounding agricultural vulnerability and in many cases, vulnerability is multidimensional, and many indicators appear to be drivers of vulnerability for some states.

"The multidimensionality of vulnerability is evident in, for example, the most vulnerable states Jharkhand, Mizoram, and Bihar. They have multiple drivers of vulnerability (6-7 for each state)..." the report added. *Richa Sharma*

Cheating leads to 'corona degrees'

EDUCATION

WASHINGTON: Shuttered for over a year because of the Covid-19 pandemic, Greek universities are now grappling with a surge in online exam cheating giving rise to a new reality: the "corona degree".

Both professors and students admit that examination safeguards are practically impossible to enforce in a remote-learning environment with hundreds of participants online.

"In jest, we call the degrees to be awarded this season 'corona degrees'," says John Mylopoulos, a professor of environmental engineering and former rector of Thessaloniki's Aristotelio University. "Remote learning is supposed to be a supplementary education tool. When it completely subsumes teaching, problems begin," he said.

Sofia, a 20-year-old psychology student at Aristotelio, says that "last summer, I took two exams on behalf of two of my friends and nobody realised."

"I logged in using their computers and personal registration codes. There was no requirement for an open camera during the exam. My two friends received a nearly perfect score without opening a book," she told AFP.

Many professors have been surprised to see even long-term students who haven't set foot in a university campus for years scoring high results.

"Groups have formed on Messenger, Discord and other platforms," says Costas, a 22-year-old Aristotelio University student. "Using split screens, the correct answers are shared out in real time during an exam without (overseers) realising, regardless of whether the camera is on or not," he says.

Microsoft in spotlight after SolarWinds hacking campaign

TECHNOLOGY

BOSTON: The sprawling, monthslong hacking campaign deemed a grave threat to cybersecurity came to be known as SolarWinds for the company whose software update Russian intelligence agents stealthily seeded with malware to penetrate sensitive government and private networks.

Yet it was Microsoft whose code the cyber spies persistently abused in the campaign's second stage, rifling through emails and other files of such high-value targets as then-acting US Homeland Security chief Chad Wolf — and hopping undetected among victim networks. This has put the world's third-most valuable company in the hot seat.

Seeking to assuage concerns, Microsoft this past week offered all federal US agencies a year of "advanced" security features at no extra charge. But it also seeks to deflect blame, saying it is customers who do not always make security a priority.

Risks in Microsoft's foreign dealings also came into relief when the Biden administration imposed sanctions Thursday on a half-dozen Russian IT companies it said support Kremlin hacking. Most prominent was Positive Technologies, which was among more than 80 companies that Microsoft has supplied with early access to data on vulnerabilities detected in its products. Following the sanctions move, Microsoft said Positive Tech was no longer in the program and removed its name from a list of participants on its website.

The SolarWinds hackers took full advantage of what George Kurtz, CEO of top cybersecurity firm CrowdStrike, called "systematic weaknesses" in key elements of Microsoft code to mine at least nine US government agencies — the departments of Justice and Treasury, among them — and more than 100 private companies and think tanks, including software and telecommunications providers.

The SolarWinds hackers' abuse of Microsoft's identity and access architecture — which validates users' identities and grants them access to email, documents and other data — did the most dramatic harm, the nonpartisan Atlantic Council think tank said in a report.

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